

Kern County
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

To: Kern County
County Clerk
1115 Truxton Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

From: Kern County Public Works Department
2700 "M" Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323

and

Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Rexland Acres – Sewer Expansion Project

SCH Number: To be assigned

Project Location: The community of Rexland Acres is located at the southeast intersection of South Union Avenue and East Pacheco Road, south of Bakersfield, Kern Island Canal on the east, South Union Avenue on the west, and Price Road on the south. The project area is located within a portion of Section 20, T30S, R28E, MDB&M, County of Kern, State of California. The sewage generated by this project area will be delivered to an existing sewer force main installed as part of the original Rexland Acres Sewer Project that will transport the sewage to the Kern Sanitation Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant (KSAWWTP) in Section 3, via Sections 20, 21, 22, 15, 10, and 3 all in T30S, R29E, MDB&M.

Project Description: The Kern County Public Works Department (Department) is conducting an environmental review of a project on the south side of Bakersfield for the Rexland Acres Sewer Expansion Project. The purpose for installing the original Rexland Acres Sewer System and for implementing the proposed expanded sewer system is that the density of residential development within the project area has resulted in degradation of water quality due to use of subsurface septic tank and leach lines to manage wastewater generated from individual homes, and collectively, within the project area. Connecting to the area WWTP will remove this area source of groundwater contamination and minimize ongoing future contamination. The proposed project is the construction of additional sewer lines within the rural community of Rexland Acres for collection and delivery of wastewater to the Kern Sanitation Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and discharge.

Project Sponsor(s): Kern Local Engineering and Survey Services Department

This is to advise that the Kern County Public Works Department, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

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- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
 - (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and
 - (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which Kern County based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at:

Kern County Public Works Department
2700 "M" Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Attn: Alexa Kolosky, (661)862-5002

Since the State has issued an Executive Order during the threat of COVID-19 and the County facilities are closed to the public; a copy of the Initial Study may be obtained on the County's website at <https://Kernpublicworks.com>.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on July 7, 2020 and ends on August 5, 2020.

 _____ Signature	Public Works Manager _____ Title	7/2/2020 _____ Date
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Date received for filing and posting

- County Clerk
- OPR