

## KERN COUNTY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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**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.

**Finding:** Kern County's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Kern County has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

**Initial Study:** 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 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins July 7, 2020 and closes on August 5, 2020. Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting their written comments before 5:00 PM on August 5, 2020.

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**Initial Study (cont.):** Comments should be sent to Alexa Kolosky at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA 93301. For additional information, Ms. Kolosky (616) 862-5002 or at [akolosky@kerncounty.com](mailto:akolosky@kerncounty.com)

**Mitigation Measures:** All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized under Summary of Mitigation Measures and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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