

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS GROUNDWATER UTILIZATION PROJECT

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15072, this is to advise you that the City of Thousand Oaks (City) has prepared an Initial Study on the Thousand Oaks Groundwater Utilization Project (Project) and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Thousand Oaks (City) is considering a project that would provide groundwater treatment at an existing well site located at the Los Robles Golf Course (LRGC) to increase local water self-reliance by developing the resource for municipal potable use as well as to provide a source of irrigation water to the golf course. Historically, groundwater from the Conejo Valley Groundwater Basin was blended with potable water purchased from California American Water (Cal-Am) to produce irrigation water at the LRGC. Poor groundwater quality, including elevated salinity, proved detrimental for irrigating golf course turf grass. As a result of the elevated salinity from the existing well, use of this groundwater for irrigation was ceased in 2014 and the source of irrigation water has since come predominantly from Cal-Am. The proposed project consists of equipping the existing well and constructing a new groundwater treatment facility (WTP). Treated water produced from the WTP would be conveyed to the golf course for irrigation and to the City's potable water distribution system. Achieving project objectives would limit, and potentially eliminate, the need to purchase water from Cal-Am for LRGC irrigation, thereby reducing reliance on imported water and utilizing a local groundwater source from the underlying groundwater basin. In concert with achieving these objectives, operating costs for the City will also be reduced.

PROJECT LOCATION: The majority of the project will be constructed within the boundary of the Los Robles Golf Course, which is bound by the US 101 Highway to the north, the Los Robles Mountains to the south, and residential neighborhoods to the east and west (see Figure 1). The address of the golf course is 299 S. Moorpark Road. A new underground pipeline will be installed within S. Moorpark Road to connect the treated groundwater to the City's distribution system. The Project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period for the Project begins on August 14, 2020 and ends on September 14, 2020 (a 30-day period). The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and submit written comments. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study can be viewed electronically here: <https://www.toaks.org/departments/public-works/construction/groundwater>

A hardcopy of the document has also been provided at the following libraries for viewing:

Thousand Oaks Grant R. Brimhall Library
1401 E Janss Rd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Thousand Oaks Library
(Newbury Park Branch)
2331 Borchard Rd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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