

Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The City of Dinuba (City) is the Lead Agency on the below-described Project and has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on the proposed Dinuba Water Well Project (Project) which includes installation of a new water well to supplement the City's potable water supply. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the MND. The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project.

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dinuba Water Well Project

Project Location: The proposed well site will be located just outside the western boundary of the City, east of the Alta Irrigation Ditch. The site is north of El Monte Way/Avenue 416 and east of Road 64. The proposed water well will be located within an existing fenced area utilized for a City-operated storm drain outfall structure and storm drain pump station.

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of installation of a test well to determine water production potential and running a series of samples for analysis of water quality that is suitable for Dinuba's water supply. If the test well proves feasible, a new permanent water well will be installed. The Project consists of the following:

1. **Test Well** – A test well has been installed to enable collection of information on subsurface geology, the water production potential, and vertical variations in water levels and groundwater quality at the site to a depth of 700 feet. Water samples were collected from approximately ten depths.
2. **New Water Well** – If the test well results show that the Project site is a viable location, the City will proceed with the design and installation of a new water well. The final design of the well (depth, production capacity) will be dependent on the test results.
3. **Abandonment/Backfill of Existing Stormwater Basin** – the proposed Project would be located at an existing stormwater basin. The basin is proposed to be abandoned and backfilled to accommodate the proposed water well. Under existing conditions, stormwater is collected in the basin and then routed into the adjacent Alta Irrigation District canal. Under the proposed Project, stormwater would be routed directly to the canal.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from September 24, 2020 to October 24, 2020. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Dinuba, 405 E. El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618.

Please send your comments to Ismael Hernandez, Public Works Director at the address shown above or by email: ihernandez@dinuba.ca.gov .

City Council Consideration: The Dinuba City Council intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Time: On or after 6:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall - Council Chambers
405 E. El Monte Way
Dinuba, CA 93618