

METTLER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 1,2,3-TCP AND NITRATE MITIGATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mettler County Water District (MCWD) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the 1,2,3-TCP AND NITRATE MITIGATION Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 6:00pm, at the District Office, addressed as 1822 Stevens Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

Provost & Pritchard prepared a technical memorandum titled "Mettler CWD 1,2,3-Trichloropropane and Nitrate Mitigation Feasibility Study" to define design treatment methods associated with contamination from the synthetic organic chemical (SOC) 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) and nitrate at one of the community's wells (Well 4). The Mitigation Study identified improvements required to treat the TCP with granular activated carbon (GAC) and blend the Well 4 water with Well 3 water to reduce the level of nitrate. The nitrate blending system is assumed to consist of passive, manually adjustable, flow control valves and flow meters with a nitrate analyzer to monitor performance. The project is in a developed area (truck stop and rest area). The Area of Potential Effect is approximately 18,000 sq ft including a 20 ft corridor for the new pipeline connecting the Well 4 discharge to the treatment site. The closest cross streets to the site are Mettler Frontage Road and Lupine Street. The Project area is surrounded by agricultural lands to the north and a residential neighborhood to the south, east and west.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office, addressed as 1822 Stevens Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93313. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on December 7, 2020 and end on January 8, 2021. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 286 West Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.