

TRACT 92 COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TRACT 92 WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE AND CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tract 92 Community Services District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Tract 92 Water System Upgrade and Consolidation Project (Project). The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm, at 27450 Rd. 148, Visalia, CA 93292.

The existing well site (Well 01-East & Well 02-West) will be abandoned per Tulare County well abandonment standards, and appurtenances unfit for reuse will be disposed of at an approved landfill, hazardous materials waste collection and/or materials recovery recycling facilities, where appropriate. The proposed new well site located on Lot 25 (APN: 127-073-12) will be acquired, and a new well drilled to an estimated depth of 550 below ground surface. Water production at this new location is estimated to be between 600 and 800 gallons per minute. Associated chlorination treatment and hydropneumatics pressure systems and other appurtenances necessary for the production and treatment of domestic water will be installed. A drainage basin, approximately 40' by 110' in area, will be designed and constructed to accommodate the increased stormwater run-off from the new impermeable surfaces at the new well site. Noise-generating equipment will be stored in a fully enclosed structure.

Approximately 5,400 linear feet of new 12-inch transmission main will be installed within Road 148 right of way, connecting the Tract 92 water system to the Cal Water system. The transmission main is sized to provide improved fire flow capacity, and acts as a backup for the new well in cases of emergency, and provide a small percentage increase in water quantities to better meet existing monthly domestic demand. The system is not designed to accommodate new connections or growth outside of Tract 92. This transmission main line within Road 148 will cross Extension Ditch, an agricultural irrigation water canal owned by Tulare Irrigation District, as well as Avenue 280 (Caldwell Avenue). Construction methods may consist of jack and bore and/or open trenching.

The looped distribution system consisting of approximately 7,800 linear feet of 4- to 6-inch diameter lines will be upgraded to 8-inch diameter water lines to serve the community of Tract 92. Water laterals will be replaced if existing services are found to be constructed with lead. New service connections and water meters will be installed within road rights-of-way at the front of each property. Water meters for vacant lots will be provided at a future date. Existing fire hydrants will be replaced pursuant to County of Tulare standards.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this 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 upon written notice to P.O. Box 276, Farmersville, CA 93223. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on July 8, 2021, and end on August 9, 2021. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Amy Wilson at Provost & Pritchard, 130 N. Garden Street, Visalia CA 93291, or at awilson@ppeng.com.

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