



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT
TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
STORM DRAIN ZONE 36/ZONE 39 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

TO: Responsible and Interested Parties

From: City of Manteca
Development Services Department
Planning Division
1215 West Center Street
Manteca, CA 95337

The City of Manteca (City) (as lead agency) has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act Section 21000 *et seq.* and the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15070 through 15075. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are being circulated for public review and comment for a review period of 30 days starting on September 10, 2021.

Project Title: Storm Drain Zone 36/Zone 39 Improvement Project

Project Applicant: City of Manteca Public Works Oakwood Lake Water District

Project Description: The City of Manteca and the Oakwood Lake Water District (OLWD) propose to construct a stormwater conveyance network through Oakwood Shores to discharge in the San Joaquin River. The proposed project intends to provide a regional drainage solution for Zone 39 and a mechanism to minimize increases in future flows discharged from Zone 36 to the French Camp Outlet Canal. The proposed project consists of a 66-inch gravity drain, storm drain pump station, 48-inch storm drain force main, and a river outfall to the San Joaquin River. The proposed project would be within existing and future City right-of-way, RD-17 property, and the OLWD wastewater treatment plant property. The proposed storm water conveyance network would be consistent with the City of Manteca 2013 Storm Drain Master Plan. Completion of the proposed project would accommodate planned and approved development in the area. Land uses adjacent to Woodward Avenue and South Woodward Avenue include agriculture operations and development projects that are under construction or have been approved to begin construction. Land uses adjacent to Aplicella Court include the Oakwood Shores neighborhood, RD-17 parcels located south of Aplicella Court, the OLWD wastewater treatment plant, Walthall Slough levee, and San Joaquin River levee.

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the southwest quadrant of Manteca, and would stretch along Woodward Avenue, South Woodward Avenue, Aplicella Court, through Reclamation District 17 (RD-17) land to the OLWD WWTP.

Comment Period: The comment period for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on September 10, 2021 and closes on October 11, 2021. Please submit comments by 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2021 to J.D. Hightower, Deputy Director - Planner, at the address below or by email to jhightower@ci.manteca.ca.us.

Document Availability: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available online in the Environmental Folder: <https://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/CommunityDevelopment/Planning%20Division/Pages/Planning-Division-Documents.aspx>

It is also available upon request at the City of Manteca Development Department, Planning Division for review.