

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

Notice is Hereby Given: The Lemon Cove Sanitary District (District) is the lead agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on the proposed Lemon Cove Water System Improvement Project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore the MND was prepared. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the MND.

Project Title: Lemon Cove Water System Improvement Project

Project Location: The community of Lemon Cove is a census-designated place located near State Route (SR) 198, approximately seven miles southeast of Woodlake and 17 miles east of Visalia, in Tulare County, California. The proposed Project will occur within various areas within the community of Lemon Cove. The new Well site is located approximately 2,500 feet north of SR 198 and approximately 2,000 feet west of Lake Kaweah within a vacant field. The transmission pipeline will convey water from the Well site along agricultural access roads until it reaches SR 198. From there, the pipeline will traverse south generally along the SR 198 alignment until it reaches Avenue 330. From Avenue 330, the pipeline will traverse west towards the proposed Pump Station. From the Pump Station, the pipeline will continue west for approximately 1,000 feet where the proposed Water Storage Tank is proposed to be installed. The Storage Tank will be installed on the slope of a hillside just west of the orchard access road.

Project Description: The Project will involve a series of improvements to the Lemon Cove Sanitary District's Water System. The improvements consist of construction of two potable Water Wells; a Hillside Water Storage Tank; a Booster Pump Station; a Transmission Pipeline that will be installed from the Well site to the Hillside Tank; and related improvements such as fencing, access roadway improvements, and electrical control panels.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: The District invites the public and agencies to provide comments on the Project. 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 MND will be from January 19, 2022 to February 20, 2022. Copies of the MND can be obtained from the District. Please refer to the contact information below.

Please send your comments or requests for information to the Lemon Cove Sanitary District, P.O. Box 44374, Lemon Cove, CA 93244 or via email at lemoncovesd@gmail.com. Please provide a name and mailing address for a contact person (if applicable).

District Consideration: The District intends to conduct a public hearing and consider the MND for adoption at the time and location shown below. The public is invited to attend.

Date: February 22, 2022
Time: On or after 10:00 AM
Location: 24412 Avenue 328
Lemon Cove, CA 93244