

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

Notice is Hereby Given: The City of Visalia (City) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on the proposed Stonebrook Street Culvert Project (Project). The Project is described below. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the IS/MND. A map showing the location of the Project is included in this Notice. The IS/MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project.

Project Title: Stonebrook Street Culvert Project

Project Location: The Project is located in southern Visalia in Tulare County, California. Project construction will occur from the existing portion of S. Stonebrook Street, south of its intersection with W. Caldwell Avenue, and will extend over Packwood Creek. Project implementation will affect approximately 290 linear feet of Packwood Creek. The entire Area of Potential Effect (APE) is approximately 2.0 acres, although the most intensive ground disturbance would occur on approximately 0.6 acres. Please refer to the Project map herein.

Project Description: The City of Visalia proposes to construct a culvert over Packwood Creek. The culvert will provide the infrastructure necessary to construct a future north-south roadway between W. Caldwell Avenue and W. Cameron Avenue. The purpose of this Project is to improve vehicle transportation access in the area and the Project was identified in the City's General Plan (2014) and corresponding Environmental Impact Report. Project implementation will affect approximately 290 linear feet of Packwood Creek and will involve widening the channel above and below the culvert, grading within the channel, construction of structures in the creek bed, placement of concrete rip-rap on the creek bed downstream of the culvert, and installation of an erosion control blanket on the upper channel banks upstream and downstream of the proposed culvert. The following structures will be constructed in the creek bed:

- 94 linear feet of 8X12 double box culvert per Caltrans Standard Plan D81;
- 53 linear feet of 13-foot high type "B" wingwalls per Caltrans Standard Plan D84;
- 26 linear feet of 8-foot high type "B" wingwalls per Caltrans Standard Plan D84;
- A concrete headwall structure for erosion control from two (2) pumps with 12" and 15" pipes. This system is a backup for the storm drain ponding basin in the area.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the IS/MND must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the IS/MND will be from February 8, 2022 to March 10, 2022. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Visalia, 315 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia, CA 93291. The document is also available on the City's website at: https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/planning/ceqa_environmental_review.asp.

Please send your comments to Brandon Smith, Principal Planner at the address shown above, telephone (559) 713-4359, or email: brandon.smith@visalia.city.

City Consideration: Following completion of the public review period, and response to comments received, the City may adopt the IS/MND and file a Notice of Determination (NOD) prior to commencement of the project.

Stonebrook Street Culvert Project - Area of Potential Effect Map

