

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

Notice is Hereby Given: The City of Huron (City) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed Huron Reclamation Expansion Project (Project) which includes improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the conversion of vacant land to agriculture to dispose of treated effluent to irrigate crops (for non-human consumption). The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project, after mitigation.

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Huron Reclamation Expansion Project

Project Location: The existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is in the easternmost portion of the City, along the north side of Palmer Avenue between Siskiyou and Madera Avenues. The land that would be applied with treated effluent is just north of the existing WWTP and the existing 200-acre reclamation area, in Fresno County. The Project site is located approximately ½ mile north of the Huron city limits, within a block of land owned by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Project Description: The Project is expanding on a previously approved 200-acre effluent disposal project that is located immediately north of the existing WWTP and immediately south and southeast of the proposed expansion areas proposed by the Project. At full buildout, approximately 417 acres of land would be converted to agriculture (non-human consumption crops such as alfalfa), which would require improvements on the land such as installing an irrigation system and grading. However, Phase 1 only includes 152 acres, and Phase 2 (265 acres) will only be constructed if and when the City determines there is adequate demand. An additional 20 acres of land would be used to preserve existing grassland habitat. In order to convey treated wastewater to the reclamation field, improvements on existing land will be required, in addition to new facilities and a conveyance system. Additional facilities and improvement include grading, diversion structures, alfalfa valves, and new pipelines to convey treated effluent to the reclamation field.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Huron, 36311 Lassen Avenue, Huron, CA 93234.

Please send your comments to Juanita Veliz, City Clerk at the address shown above or by email: admasst@cityofhuron.com.

City Council Consideration: The Huron City Council intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Time: On or after 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
36311 Lassen Avenue
Huron, CA 93234