

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the City of Wasco Community Development Planning Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be heard at the City of Wasco City Council Meeting on Tuesday, **March 21, 2023**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of Wasco will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the City Council meeting to be held on March 21, 2023. Presentations will be made at approximately 5:15 p.m. Action on items on the City Council agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held in the Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, in Wasco, CA 93280.

Project Name

Water System Improvement and Treatment Project

Project Location

Various sites within Wasco city limits.

Project Description

The Water System Improvement and Treatment Project (Project) includes drilling four new municipal water wells to replace existing water supply wells that exceed the State of California maximum contaminant level (MCL) threshold for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) of 0.005-micrograms per liter (mg/L), and occasionally the threshold for nitrates of 10 mg/L for nitrate as nitrogen (N).

In addition, the City will install a new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment system at the existing Well No. 12 facility to remove 1,2,3-TCP; rehabilitate the existing City Well No. 2; construct two 1.0 million gallon welded steel storage tanks and booster pump stations; and install an AMI system for remote read metering. All work will be done within the city limits of the City of Wasco. This work will involve drilling, constructing, and developing four new water supply wells and equipping each of those replacement wells with a pump, motor, discharge piping, electrical and controls, and site development. The work to install the GAC system at Well No. 12 will include furnishing and installing treatment vessels, piping, and electrical and controls. The four existing well sites that are being replaced will be abandoned of all pump equipment, piping, electrical, and appurtenances. The wells will be abandoned by filling with concrete and performing all work in accordance with the County of Kern and the applicable State requirements. The property being used for new Well No. 17 will also be re-zoned from R-1-6 Low Density Residential (6,000 sq. ft. lot) to P-F (Public Facilities).

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on Thursday January 26, 2023, and ended on February 27, 2023. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at (661) 616-2600 or jaymie.brauer@qkinc.com.