

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- Project Name:** Plainview Nitrate Relief Project
- Date of Preparation:** February 2023
- Lead Agency:** State Water Resources Control Board
- Project Description:** The Project's objectives are to achieve nitrate compliance, replace a failing distribution system, and provide adequate backup storage capacity. The proposed Project includes the construction and operation of a water storage tank, a new well and pump station, replacement of the distribution pipeline system, installation of approximately 43 service connections and meters, and related appurtenances in the Plainview community. Approximately 187 existing meters will require upgrades that allow remote meter readings.
- Project Location:** Unincorporated community of Plainview, within City of Strathmore, Tualre County, CA
- Findings:**
- With the incorporation of mitigation measures, this project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, nor to curtail the diversity of the environment.
 - This project will not have a detrimental effect upon either short-term or long-term environmental goals.
 - This project will not have impacts that are cumulatively considerable.
 - This project will not have environmental impacts that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.
 - Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared.
- Public Review Period:** February 21, 2023 to March 22, 2023
- Public Review:** The Initial Study is available (beginning February 21, 2023) for public review at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/ceqa/. The public is invited to submit written comments regarding the environmental findings and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration determination to Abbygayle Britton, Environmental Scientist, State Water Resources Control Board, abbygayle.britton@waterboards.ca.gov. Persons commenting are advised to raise all pertinent issues during the public comment period. If action taken by the State Water Resources Control Board is challenged in court, the legal challenge may be limited to those issues raised by persons during the public comment period.
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