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# **County of Fresno**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



For County Clerk's Stamp

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 7504 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

**Initial Study No. 7504**, **General Plan Amendment Application No. 555 and Amendment Application No. 3832** filed by **Roger Van Groningen** proposing to amend the Land Use Element of the County-adopted Selma Community Plan to redesignate a 18.56-acre parcel and a 9.29-acre parcel from Agriculture to General Industrial; and change the zoning of the said parcels from the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to the M-3 (c) (Heavy Industrial, Conditional) Zone District to allow limited by-right industrial uses and expansion of an existing rail spur and related freight terminal operations located on an adjacent westerly property. The subject parcels are located on the southwest corner of E. Manning and S. Leonard Avenues approximately 4,025 feet north of the city limits of Selma (8309 E. Manning Avenue and 9073 S. Leonard Avenues, Fowler) (APN: 348-050-25S & 29) (Sup. Dist. 4). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration based on Initial Study No. 7504 and take action on General Plan Amendment Application No. 555 and Amendment Application No. 3832 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 7504 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

### Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from July 14, 2023, through August 14, 2023.

Email written comments to <u>eahmad@fresnocountyca.gov</u>, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division Attn: Ejaz Ahmad 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721

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Initial Study (IS) No. 7504 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies</u>. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Ejaz Ahmad at the addresses above.

**PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II covers the programs, services, activities and facilities owned or operated by state and local governments like the County of Fresno ("County"). Further, the County promotes equality of opportunity and full participation by all persons, including persons with disabilities. Towards this end, the County works to ensure that it provides meaningful access to people with disabilities to every program, service, benefit, and activity, when viewed in its entirety. Similarly, the County also works to ensure that its operated or owned facilities that are open to the public provide meaningful access to people with disabilities.

To help ensure this meaningful access, the County will reasonably modify policies/ procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. If, as an attendee or participant at the meeting, you need additional accommodations such as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print material, electronic materials, Braille materials, or taped materials, please contact the Current Planning staff as soon as possible during office hours at (559) 600-4230 or at jpotthast@fresnocountyca.gov. Reasonable requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent reasonably feasible.

#### **Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on August 24, 2023, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The item is anticipated to be heard by the **Board of Supervisors** at a later date should the Commission recommend approval and if the Commission's action is appealed. A separate notice will be sent confirming the Board of Supervisors' hearing date.

For questions, please call Ejaz Ahmad at (559) 600-4204.

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