

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lead Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Location:** County: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Nearest Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" N / \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

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**Local Action Type:**

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**Development Type:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
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**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

## Project Title

City of Fowler Well No. 9

## Lead Agency Name and Address

City of Fowler  
128 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fowler, CA 93625

## Contact Person and Phone Number

### Lead Agency Contact

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## Project Location

The Project is located in the City of Fowler in central Fresno County, approximately 170 miles south of Sacramento and 150 miles north of Bakersfield. It is on the northeast corner of E. South Avenue & Stanford Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 343-280-60 & 343-280-61), approximately 0.45 miles west of State Route 99 (SR 99).

## General Plan Designation and Zoning

Project Area	General Plan Designation	Zoning District
ONSITE	Low Density Residential	R-1-10
ADJACENT LANDS	Low Density Residential	R-1-10, AE-20

## Description of Project

### Project Background and Purpose

The City has been awarded a Small Community Drought Relief Program Grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and proposes to build a new municipal groundwater well with funding from the grant on the west side of the City. As of 2022 the City serves residential, commercial and industrial users through 2,160 service connections. The water system is currently supplied by six existing groundwater wells, each with a pumping capacity of between 310 and 1,700 gallons per minute (gpm). The synthetic

organic contaminant 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) has been detected in five of the six water supply wells. Wells 4, 5A, 6, and 8A have experienced individual TCP detections at, or greater than the maximum contaminant level (MCL) value but have not yet violated the standard, which is based on a running annual average of measurements. Well 7 has TCP levels greater than the allowable standard and the City is in the process of designing a water treatment facility to remove TCP from Well 7. With the exception of the presence of TCP at Well 7, the water produced by the City's supply wells currently meets all drinking water standards. Well No. 9 will provide a second water supply to the west side of the City which improves water resiliency for the community as a whole and redundancy for this area, specifically, in the event the existing well is out of for any number for reasons including declining water levels due to drought. This project does not include water treatment equipment; however, there is space reserved on site to accommodate for future treatment equipment, if required.

## **Project Description**

The Project would allow for the construction of a new groundwater well for the City of Fowler. The groundwater well is intended to supplement the City's water supply system and provide additional drought resiliency for the City. The Project, which would be designed to produce a minimum desired 1,200 gpm that is consistent with the existing City production well yields in the area, would increase the City's potable water supply. Upon completion of well drilling and necessary zone testing it is expected that the well would be constructed at a depth of approximately 720 feet. The well will be drilled and constructed to comply with the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board- Division of Drinking Water (DDW).

The new groundwater well will be constructed on an approximately 0.5-acre site owned by the City in southwest Fowler. The Project site is currently two parcels that will be merged into one lot prior to Project construction. The site was previously utilized as a stormwater retention pond, the pond will be backfilled and graded prior to well construction activities.

For purposes of biological and cultural surveys, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) includes the approximately 0.5-acre property and an additional 50-foot buffer to include the large trees adjacent to the property. The total area of the APE is approximately 1.4 acres.

## **Construction Schedule**

Construction duration of the Project is anticipated to be 17 months, occurring approximately from January 2024 to May 2025. The Project will begin with the clearing, grubbing, and backfilling of the existing, unused stormwater retention pond, lasting approximately one month. The test hole mobilization, drilling, and lab testing will follow, lasting approximately two months. Next will be the production well construction lasting approximately 2 months. After the drilling and production well construction phases are complete, the site improvements and equipment will be constructed and installed. All phases include inspections and site cleanup. Construction equipment will likely include a drilling rig, excavators, backhoes, graders, skid steers, loaders, and hauling trucks. During construction, measures to minimize noise impacts will include installing temporary sound barriers and providing advance communication to residents that may be affected by construction activities.

Generally, construction will occur between the hours of 7am and 5pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. It is anticipated that well drilling and well construction will take between 12 to 16 weeks and during drilling activity 24/7 operation will be required at various points. A special permit, pursuant to Chapter 21, Article 6, Section 5-21.601 of the Fowler Noise Ordinance, would be obtained by the City to

allow for the continuous drilling. Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas will be located onsite.

### Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance of the new groundwater well will be performed by the City of Fowler’s existing Public Works staff.

### Site and Surrounding Land Uses and Setting

**Table 1: Existing Uses, General Plan Designation, & Zone Districts of Surrounding Properties**

Direction from Project Site	Existing Use	General Plan Designation	Zone District
<b>NORTH</b>	Residential	Low Density Residential	R-1-10
<b>EAST</b>	Residential	Low Density Residential	R-1-10
<b>SOUTH</b>	Residential	Low Density Residential	AE-20 (Fresno County)
<b>WEST</b>	Residential	Low Density Residential	R-1-10