

**CARUTHERS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE WEST SIDE STORAGE TANK PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Caruthers Community Service District (District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the West Side Storage Tank (Project). The public hearing to consider the Project and the accompanying mitigated negative declaration is tentatively scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 9:00 am, in the District Board Room located at 13617 S Raider Ave, Caruthers, CA 93609.

The West Side Water Storage Tank Project would construct a 500,000-gallon water storage tank whose dimensions would be approximately 22-feet high and 65-feet in diameter. Appurtenant infrastructure includes electrical equipment, on-site lighting, booster pumps, a hydropneumatic tank, an emergency backup generator, seven-foot-tall slatted perimeter fencing, and a basin for stormwater and storage tank backwash purposes. The facility would replace the existing 6-inch water main in Caruthers Avenue between the western edge of the District and Marks Avenue to a 10-inch transmission main. In a second phase, improvements would include a groundwater well and a granulated activated carbon (GAC) treatment process to increase system reliability and redundancy, should a well on the east side of the District go offline and another source of clean, reliable water is needed.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Board Room, 13617 S Raider Ave, Caruthers, CA 93609. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on April 29, 2024 and end on May 29, 2024. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Jarred Olsen at Provost & Pritchard, 400 E. Main St., Ste 300, Visalia, CA 93291, or at [jolsen@ppeng.com](mailto:jolsen@ppeng.com).

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.