

CITY OF LOS BANOS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BASINS AND STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Los Banos (City) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the construction and operation of the Basins and Stormwater Capture Project. The public hearing will be held on October 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM or shortly thereafter at the City Council Chambers located at 520 J Street Los Banos, CA 93635

The City of Los Banos is proposing to construct a basin for the purposes of surface and storm water capture as well as for incidental groundwater recharge. The basin would provide multiple benefits in terms of storage, incidental recharge, and re-regulation of various City and Grasslands Water District (GWD) water sources and possess a combined storage capacity of approximately 500 AF. GWD operates two canals near the Project site: the San Luis Canal bordering the site on the west and the Santa Fe Canal to the east. The San Luis Drain, which is part of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Central Valley Project (CVP), is situated between the Santa Fe Canal and the Project site. From either canal, GWD could physically deliver floodwaters, storm drainage, CVP and local surface water supplies, or other existing water supplies from the Mendota Pool on the San Joaquin River.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the proposed project. The City has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action 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 Los Banos City Hall, the City's website and CEQANet. The public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on August 28, 2024 and end on September 27, 2024. The City of Los Banos is Holding their City Planning Commission meeting on October 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM or shortly thereafter at the City Council Chambers located at 520 J Street Los Banos, CA 93635. Comments should be in writing if possible, and addressed to Amy Wilson, Environmental Manager, via email at AWilson@ppeng.com or 400 E Mail Street, Suite 300 Visalia, CA 93291.