

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Tehachapi

PROJECT TITLE: Tehachapi Reclaimed Water Project

REVIEW PERIOD: September 27, 2024 to October 28, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Tehachapi (City) as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is proposing to implement the Tehachapi Reclaimed Water Project (proposed project). The proposed project would change the location of application of the secondary treated effluent produced at the Tehachapi Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) from the agricultural fields near the Tehachapi Municipal Airport to a new location south of the Borrow Pit. The proposed project would construct a new pump station at the Borrow Pit and a new pipeline to convey treated wastewater effluent from the existing Borrow Pit to the new agricultural turnout located at the southwest intersection of Steuber Road and Highline Road.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located in the City of Tehachapi and portions of unincorporated Kern County as shown on **Figure 1**. The City is approximately 35 miles southeast of the City of Bakersfield and 50 miles northwest of the City of Lancaster.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISCLOSURE: The project site is not included on any lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5, which includes but is not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, properties, and disposal sites.

FINDINGS/ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The City of Tehachapi as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to provide the public and trustee and responsible agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the proposed project. The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts on biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation, and wildfire. Mitigation measures have been identified for these environmental topics to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant and those with no environmental impacts are also described in the IS/MND. The City of Tehachapi has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The City of Tehachapi hereby proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

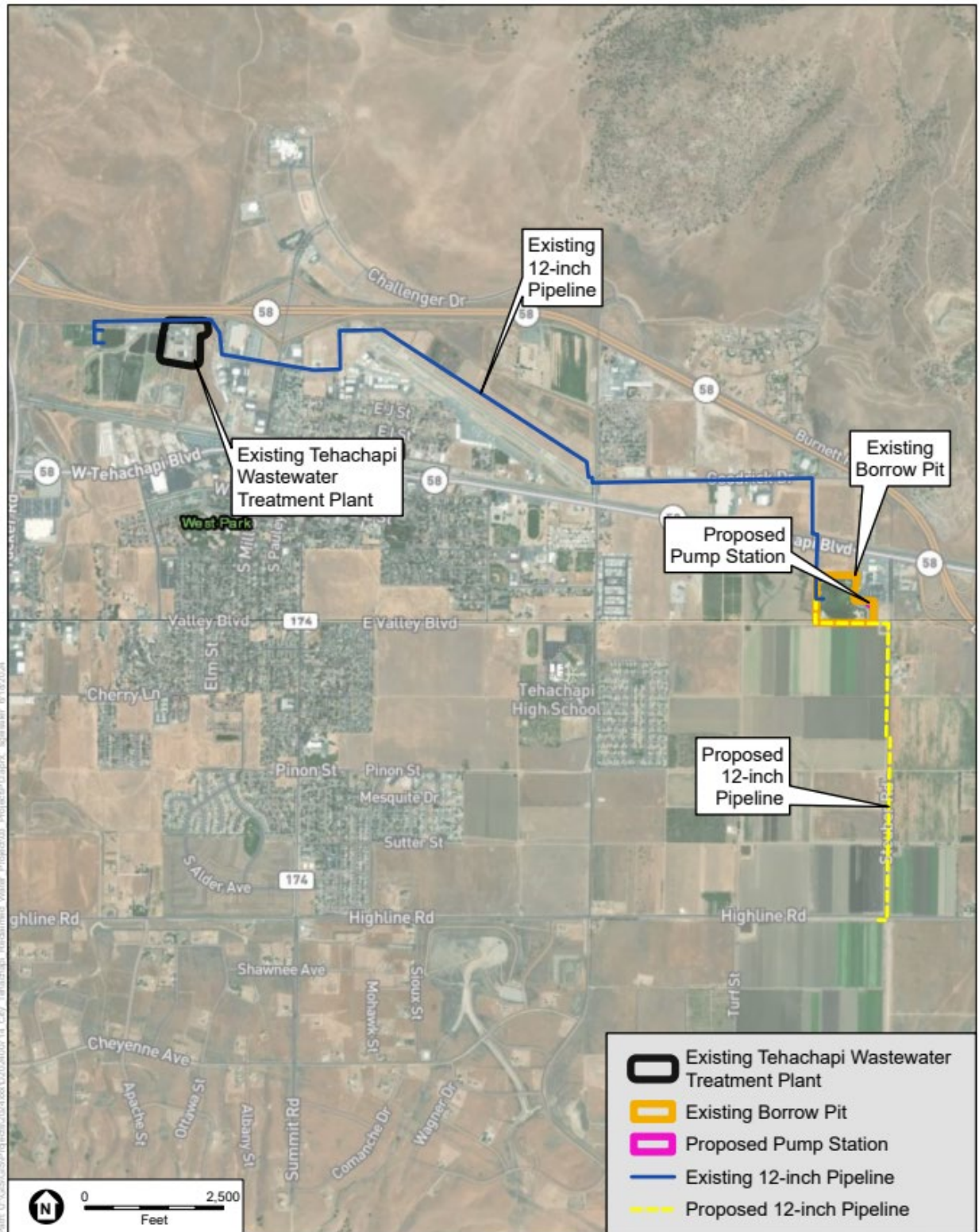
PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS: A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on September 27, 2024, and end October 28, 2024, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the City of Tehachapi by **4:00 PM on October 28, 2024**. Comments received during the public review period and responses to the comments will be included in the final environmental document. Copies of the IS/MND are available for review as described below.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Tehachapi Branch Library, 212 South Green Street, Tehachapi, California, 93561; at the City of Tehachapi, 115 S. Robinson Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561; and online at the City of Tehachapi's Web Site (<https://www.liveuptehachapi.com/72/Public-Notices>).

PUBLIC MEETING: The City of Tehachapi City Council will consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at a regularly scheduled meeting following the 30-day review period. For more information, contact Don Marsh.

Figure 1



SOURCE: Mapbox, 2024; ESA, 2024

Tehachapi Reclaimed Water Project