CITY OF RIPON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 259 N. WILMA AVENUE RIPON, CA 95366

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ripon has prepared an Initial Study (IS) of environmental effects and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Water Supply Trunk Lines project. The City of Ripon is the Lead Agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project would allow the City to take delivery of drinking water treated by the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) as part of the South County Water Supply Project (SWSCP). The project proposes to install two parallel water pipelines, each 18 inches in diameter, or a single pipeline 24 inches in diameter, along Jack Tone Road from River Road in Ripon to French Camp Road, where the lines would connect to an existing 48-inch diameter SWSCP potable water line managed by SSJID. The total length of the project would be approximately 4.5 miles.

The IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects of the project in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. Based on this analysis, the IS/MND finds that the project will not involve any significant environmental effects, provided that the mitigation measures described in the IS/MND are implemented. The City has agreed to the mitigation measures and these measures will be adopted by the City of Ripon. There are no sites identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code located on or near the project site.

The IS/MND is available for public review at the Ripon Engineering Department at the address shown below and at the City's website:

https://www.cityofripon.org/city hall/departments/engineering

The City will accept public and agency comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day review period that will begin on November 19, 2024 and end on December 19, 2024. Comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail as shown below:

City of Ripon
Engineering Department
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259 N. Wilma Avenue
Ripon, Ca 93665
engineering@cityofripon.org

After completion of the public review, the City Council will consider adoption of the IS/MND and approval of the proposed project at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the address shown above.

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