

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: All Interested Parties

From: East Niles Community Services District
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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Nitrate Pipeline and Shalane Tank Alignment Project
LEAD AGENCY: East Niles Community Service District
PROJECT AREA: City of Bakersfield, Unincorporated and Incorporated areas of Kern County
PROJECT TYPE: Underground Pipeline Alignments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT East Niles Community Services District (“ENCSD” or “District”) is the Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Nitrate Pipeline and Shalane Tank Alignment Project (Project).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the central portion of Kern County, in unincorporated and incorporated areas of the eastern portion of the City of Bakersfield (Figure 1). Surrounding land uses to the Project alignments (Project areas) include commercial, agricultural, residential, and industrial.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Nitrate Blending Pipeline would involve the construction and operation of underground 12- inch blending pipeline alignments, various pressure zone tie-in to the distribution system, and additional Project area improvements that would convey water from the existing Morning Drive Reservoir located at Morning Drive to the Well 21 site. The water transferred would be blended and treated at Well 21 prior to distribution to reduce nitrate levels below the regulated MCL for safe consumption. The Nitrate Pipeline Project would extend underground from the Morning Drive Reservoir located at the District’s Morning Drive site which is adjacent to Walter W. Stiern Middle School to the District’s Well 21 site. The underground pipeline would travel south from the Morning Drive Reservoir to the intersection of Niles Street/Kern Canyon Road and Morning Drive, east on Kern Canyon Road and then east on Shalane Avenue (blue, red and yellow alignment). From the intersection of Shalane Avenue and Monica Street, the underground pipeline will extend south to Breckenridge Road (blue alignment). The underground pipeline would continue south from Breckenridge Road to the Edison Highway (Hwy) boundary. The underground pipeline will extend underneath Edison Hwy and Highway 58 to Redbank Road, west on Redbank Road towards a point approximately 310 feet north of the intersection of Emmy Drive and Katte Avenue. The pipeline will then travel south along the eastern edge of Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 177-171-01 until reaching Emmy Drive. From this point it will travel south on Emmy Drive to E. Wilson Road, then east on Wilson Road to the Well 21 site driveway and into the Well 21 site (purple alignment). Tie-ins to the distribution system will be installed at various pressure zones along the alignment within the road right-of-way and/or easements.

The Shalane Tank Pipeline would involve the construction and operation of a new underground 14-inch pipeline alignment and additional Project area improvements for additional water storage within the Morning Drive Pressure Zone.

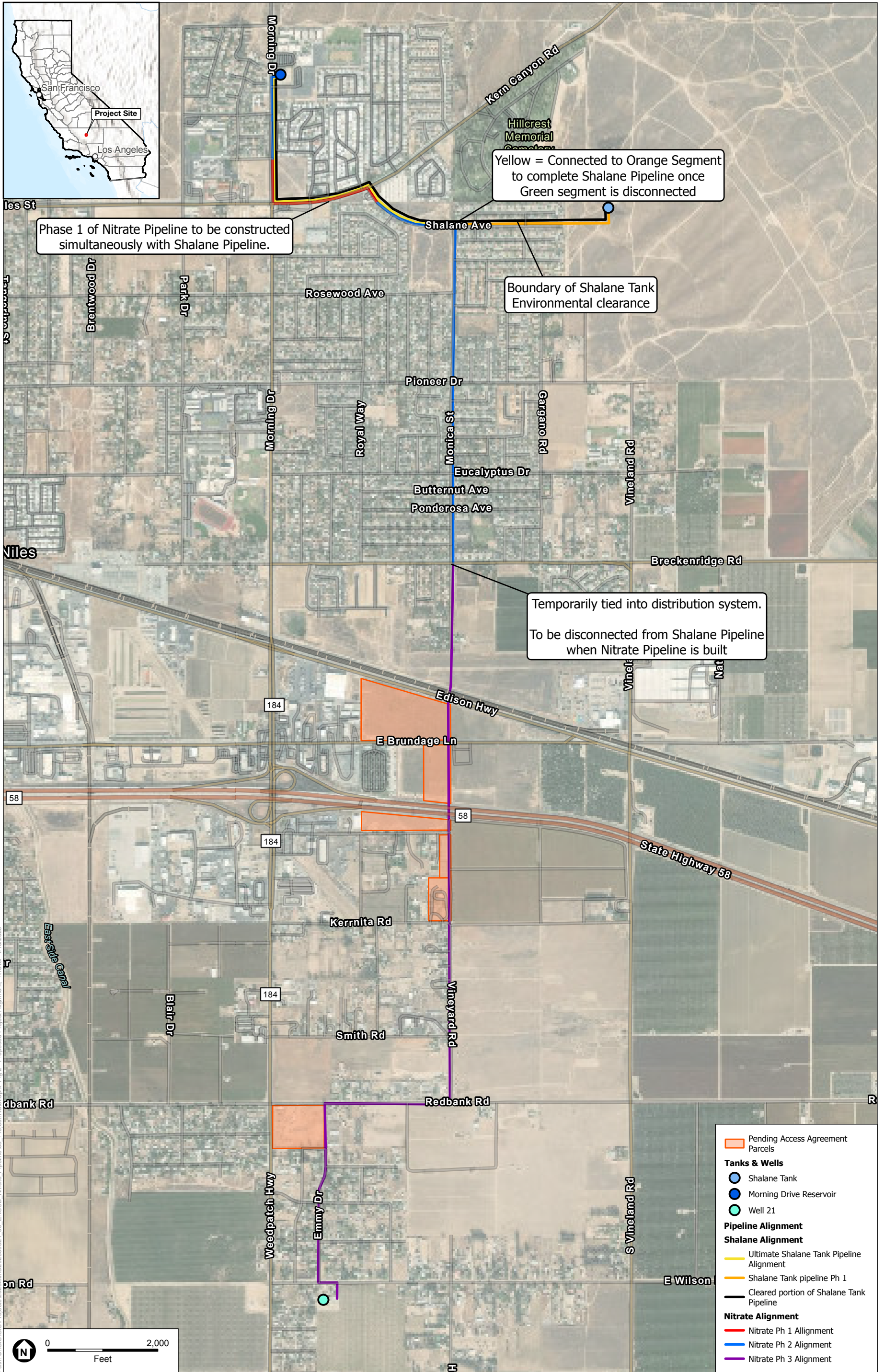
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise and transportation. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. All other resource areas found to have no impact or to be less than significant are also described in the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS/MND will be circulated for 30 days for public review. Comments on the IS/MND must be received between March 13, 2025, and April 14, 2025. Written comments should be sent no later than **5:00p.m. on April 14, 2025**, to: Tim Ruiz at the East Niles Community Services District, 7443 Niles Street, Bakersfield, CA, or email comments to Tim Ruiz, General Manager at truiz@eastnilescsd.org.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The MND may be viewed at East Niles Community Services District front desk at 7443 Niles Street, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

For more information on the Project, please contact:

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SOURCE: ESA, 2024

ENCSD Nitrate Pipeline

Figure 1
Project Location

