

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation, State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2017011028

PROJECT NUMBER: 8756-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: Matheny Tract Wastewater System Project Feasibility Study (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the unincorporated community of Matheny Tract, generally along Road 96 and Pratt Avenue in Tulare County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Matheny Tract Wastewater Project. The Project consists of the construction of a gravity collection system through lateral collection lines from each home or business within Matheny Tract. These collection lines would then inter-tie to the sewer mains that would deliver the wastewater to the lift station and force main connection. The force main would connect to the City of Tulare (City) Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant (DWWTP). The Project components include the following:

- New gravity wastewater collection system composed of a combination of eight-inch and ten-inch-diameter sewer mains within the community.
- New 4-inch sewer lateral service connections to each existing residence or business. This includes a total of 296 laterals connections. In-place abandonment of existing septic systems and leach fields will occur as each residence or business connects to the new laterals.
- New lift station in proximity to the community along Pratt Street, at the intersection of Wade Avenue.
- Approximately 10,700 feet of new four-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) sewer force main connecting the Matheny Tract collection system to the City's DWWTP.
- Connection of the new force main to the City DWWTP headworks.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on March 28, 2025. The County of Tulare will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

LEAD AGENCY: County of Tulare

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Records of the financing approval and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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