



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CITY OF MODESTO WATER MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the City of Modesto Water Master Plan has been completed and is available for public review. The Draft EIR is available for public review during normal operating hours at the City of Modesto Utilities Department at 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4600, Modesto, CA 95353; on the City's website at <http://modestogov.com/847/Water-Plans-Reports>; or at the Stanislaus County Library at 1500 "I" Street, Modesto, CA 95354. The public may request a CD of the Draft EIR by contacting Jim Alves at (209) 571-5557 or email jalves@modestogov.com.

The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Draft EIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts related to farmland converted to non-agricultural use, air quality standards, greenhouse gas emission standards, and hydrology and water quality. Cumulative impacts on agriculture, air quality, and hydrology and water quality were also identified as significant and unavoidable.

- 1. Project Name:** City of Modesto Water Master Plan (SCH No. 2016082069)
- 2. Project Description:** The Proposed Project involves implementation of a Water Master Plan (WMP) prepared by the City of Modesto. The City developed the WMP to define the City's long-term water supply and infrastructure needs and guide management of its water service system, which includes the City of Modesto and communities in its sphere of influence (Salida, Del Rio, Empire), and the cities of Grayson and Turlock. The WMP identifies recommended and prioritized capital improvement projects (CIPs) for system-wide implementation needed to deliver safe and reliable water and meet water demand requirements for existing and future City customers through buildout of the City's adopted General Plan. The CIPs proposed in the WMP include new water storage tanks, improvements to existing tanks, new and replacement groundwater wells, groundwater monitoring wells, pump stations, transmission mains, distribution pipelines, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system upgrade, water quality related studies, wellhead treatment, emergency generators, water system security enhancements, groundwater management, water master plan updates, maintaining and calibrating a hydraulic model of the water system, evaluations of the water system, and water meters for the contiguous water service area and/or outlying water service areas.
- 3. Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located in the City of Modesto and the communities in its sphere of influence (Salida, Del Rio, Empire), and the cities of Grayson and Turlock.
- 4. Lead Agency:** City of Modesto Utilities Department, P.O. Box 642 (1010 Tenth Street), Modesto, CA 95353; Phone (209) 571-5557
- 5. Applicant:** City of Modesto, P.O. Box 642 (1010 Tenth Street), Modesto, CA 95353



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PUBLIC COMMENT: In accordance with the time limits provided for by state law, the document's review period will extend from October 15, 2019, through December 2, 2019. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2019. They may be sent to:

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The City of Modesto Utilities Department will hold a public meeting to discuss the Draft EIR. The meeting is to be held on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, Room 2001, Modesto, CA 95354.

DATED: October 15, 2019