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State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Extended Comment Period of Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Matheny Tract Wastewater System Project SCH # 2017011028

Attn: Ms. Asiata Rodriguez or other appropriate State Clearinghouse person:

The County of Tulare (County) is requesting the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period for the Matheny Tract Wastewater System Project (SCH # 2017011028) be extended from February 13, 2017 to March 30, 2017. If granted, we further request OPR/SCH notify the appropriate State agencies; for your convenience the State Clearinghouse NOP Distribution List is enclosed.

The County's request would allow the City of Tulare (City) to provide comments following receipt, review, and acceptance of an engineering report the City feels may be critical to providing important regarding the Project. As such, the City requested, and the County agrees, that extending the NOP comment period is in the best interest in preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Project.

Project Description - The project consists of a new wastewater system for the Matheny Tract community. The proposed project includes the construction of: a new gravity wastewater collection system throughout the Matheny Tract; one or more lift stations, including new points of electric service; sewer laterals from each property, with connection to each existing residence; and construction of 2,900 feet of 12-inch sewer main in Pratt Street from Matheny Tract to Paige Avenue to accommodate connection to the City of Tulare's existing 27-inch sewer main at Paige Avenue and K Street. Additional project-related components include: the in-place abandonment of existing septic systems and leach fields.

Project Objectives & Benefits - The proposed Project is intended to: (1) allow connection to the City of Tulare wastewater treatment facility; (2) result in abandonment of the current on-site septic tank/leach line systems; (3) provide a system that has the least potential to result in adverse environmental impacts and would provide an environmental benefit by eliminating wastewater discharge from existing on-site system tanks; (4) avert a stand-alone wastewater treatment facility; (5) protect groundwater supply; (6) result in cost efficiencies; and (7) be affordable and effective.

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Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts - It is anticipated that potential environmental impacts which may occur include: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Noise, Traffic, Utilities/Service Systems, and Mandatory Findings of significance.

NOP Availability: Hard copies of the NOP have already been sent to your agency during our initial submittal of the Notice of Completion. As no changes have occurred, the original NOP remains valid.

Web Availability: The NOP can also be found at:

<http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning/environmental-planning/notice-of-preparation-nop/matheny-tract-wastewater-system-nop-pdf/>

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121.

Any written comments on the NOP should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner. E-mails may be sent to: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Michael Washam

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Enclosures: SCH# NOP Distribution List

NOP Distribution List

County: TULARE

SCH#

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