

TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, SCH # 2017011028

Project Title:

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Matheny Tract Wastewater System Project to allow the unincorporated community of Matheny Tract to connect its wastewater system to the City of Tulare's wastewater trunk line. In addition, each individual septic system within Matheny Tract would be properly abandoned. (State Clearinghouse # 2017011028).

Project Location:

The community is separated into two segments, the northern and southern portions. The northern portion (Matheny North) is generally bounded by Road 96 (Pratt Street) and I Street in the east-west direction and Wade and Addie Avenues in the north-south direction. The southern portion (Matheny South) is generally bounded by Road 96 on the west and Prine and Matheny Avenues in the north-south direction. The project site is located within the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 22, the north half of the southwest corner of Section 23, and the north half of the northeast quarter of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M. The project can be found within the Tulare USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle. The coordinates of the proposed project site are: Matheny North (Canal Street and Beacon Avenue) Latitude 36° 10'20.90" N, Longitude 119° 20'55.95" W; and Matheny South (Matheny Avenue and Prine Drive) Latitude 36° 10'01.11" N, Longitude 119° 21'14.90" W.

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 Benefits:

The objective of the project is to provide the community with a viable, sustainable solution for its wastewater disposal needs.

The expected benefits of the project include the following:

1. Eliminating the continuation of groundwater contamination due to septic system usage
2. Provide assistance to a Disadvantaged Community
3. End reliance on aging and failing individual septic systems
4. Eliminate individual exposure to major repair costs
5. Establish affordable and stable wastewater disposal charges

Significant Environmental Impact:

The Project's potentially significant environmental impacts include: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities. Mitigation measures will be recommended, where feasible, to mitigate potentially significant impacts.

DEIR Availability:

A copy of the DEIR, as well as the Matheny Tract Wastewater System – Feasibility Study, are available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am).

A copy of the DEIR and Feasibility Study (on disk) may be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Tulare Branch Library
475 North Main Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tipton Branch Library
301 East Woods
Tipton, CA 93272

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 2:00 pm – 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tulare County Web Site - <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/documents-and-forms/planning-documents/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/matheny-tract-wastewater-system/>

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121 (**para Espanol llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The DEIR has a review period of **45** days, starting on **June 30, 2017** and ending **August 14, 2017**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the DEIR established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Board of Supervisors at a date to be determined later. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

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