

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TRAVER COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH#2017081024)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California.

The hearing will pertain to the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Traver Community Wastewater System Improvements Project.

The Project includes improvements to the Traver Community Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) as described in the Traver Community Wastewater Systems Improvements Plan of Study. The proposed improvements to the WWTP add reliability to the system while increasing its efficiency and effectiveness. The improvements are also needed to accommodate existing non-sewered development and for potential future residential, industrial and commercial developments. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) will require modifications to the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit if the Project is completed. With the WWTP improvements, the treatment process will need to be changed to meet the new effluent limits. Including the updated WDR, it is anticipated that the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements that would be issued with the WDR would include groundwater monitoring requirements. The groundwater monitoring requirements would be used by the RWQCB to verify the effluent discharges via percolation or irrigation do not degrade the underlying groundwater. The monitoring would involve sampling from monitoring wells. This Project considers two alternative treatment solutions: a Biolac system and a package treatment plant. Alternative I - Construction of a redundant aeration pond. The new pond would be designed to be compatible with future treatment options. Alternative II - An expansion to the WWTF would occur leading to the construction of two 100,000 gpd capacity package treatment plants. A package treatment plant will provide the process necessary to address treatment needs in a reliable manner.

The Board of Supervisors will be asked to certify and adopt the Final EIR. The Final EIR can be reviewed on-line at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency's website at: <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/documents-and-forms/planning-documents/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/traver-community-wastewater-system-improvements/>.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Ralph M. Brown Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting contact Tulare County Resource Management Agency by telephone at (559) 624-7000, 48-hours in advance of this meeting.

Michael C. Spata, County Administrator/Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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