

TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Matheny Tract Wastewater Collection System and Pipeline Inter-tie Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Matheny Tract Wastewater Collection System and Pipeline Inter-tie Project. The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

PROJECT: Matheny Tract Wastewater Collection System and Pipeline Inter-tie Project

APPLICANT/AGENT: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency, 5961 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA, 93272

LOCATION: The site is located generally, within all of Matheny Tract (including south Matheny Tract) southwest of Tulare, CA, along Pratt Street/Road 96, along Avenue 216/Paige Avenue, to the City of Tulare Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant (DWWTP) along S. West Street north of Paige Avenue (east of the DWWTP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of the construction of a wastewater collection system within Matheny Tract. The major components of the Project include: a new gravity wastewater collection system composed of a combination of 8-inch and 10-inch polyethylene vinyl chloride (PVC) sewer mains within the Matheny Tract Community, including new 4-inch PVC sewer lateral service connections to each existing residence; a new lift station in proximity to Matheny Tract along Pratt Street; approximately 10,700 feet of 4-inch HDPE sewer force main in Pratt Street, Paige Avenue, West Avenue, and Levin Avenue Alignment from Matheny Tract to the DWWTP; in-place abandonment of existing septic systems and leach fields; and connection and consolidation of Matheny Tract wastewater system to the City of Tulare.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; at the Visalia Main Branch Library at 200 W. Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291, (559) 713-2700; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/matheny-wastewater-collection>.

REVIEW PERIOD: January 25, 2023 – February 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@tularecounty.ca.gov (para Español llame (559) 624-7000).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023**, and ending on **Friday, February 24, 2023**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND 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 MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. 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 Board of Supervisors during the public hearing.

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