

TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Yettem-Seville Water Supply (Phase 2 – Yettem-Seville 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.

1. **PROJECT:** Yettem-Seville Water Supply (Phase 2 – Yettem-Seville Inter-tie)
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** County of Tulare
3. **LOCATION:** The project site spans the communities of Yettem and Seville in northwestern Tulare County, California.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project is the development of a new well in Yettem (“Yettem Well 3”), the interconnection (via a new, underground water pipeline) of that well with an existing well and water storage tank in Yettem (“Yettem Well 1”), the replacement of existing meters in Yettem, and the interconnection of the Yettem and Seville water systems. Approximately 4,000 linear feet of 8-inch HDPE pipe will be installed along State Route (SR) 201, Road 136, and Road 140 west of the community of Yettem to connect the new Yettem Well 3 to the existing well and storage tank. Approximately 10,000 linear feet of 8-inch HDPE pipe and associated appurtenances including hydrants, permanent blow-offs, and air release valve assemblies will be installed along SR 201, Road 153, and Road 154 to interconnect the Yettem and Seville systems. Meter replacement in Yettem will take place along an approximate 1-mile, discontinuous route following Road 140, Road 144, SR 201, and several unnamed roads. An encroachment permit is required from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for work within the SR 201 right-of-way (ROW).
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above at the Visalia (Main Branch) Library located at 200 W. Oak Ave., Visalia, CA 93291; or on the County web site at:
<http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/projects/planning-projects/environmental-documents/yettem-seville-water-system/>
6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** August 31, 2018 – October 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121, (para Espanol llame Tim Bailey (559) 624-7101).

The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on **August 31, 2018**, and ending on **October 1, 2018**, 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 Planning Commission. 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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