

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MANTECA WQCF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAM PROJECTS

TO: Responsible and Interested Parties

FROM: City of Manteca

Public Works Department 1001 West Center Street Manteca, CA 95337

The City of Manteca (City) (as lead agency) has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Title: Manteca WQCF Alternative Energy Program Projects

Project Location: The project site is located at 2450 W. Yosemite Avenue, in the western portion of the City of Manteca, at the existing City of Manteca Wastewater Quality Control Facility (WQCF) site. The WQCF is located south of W. Yosemite Avenue, east of the ACE Train right of way and the French Camp Outlet Canal, west of Airport Way, and north of SR 120.

Project Description: The City of Manteca is seeking environmental approval for three alternative energy programs at its WQCF, which are a solar (photovoltaic) array, a biogas/CNG refueling station (with a truck refueling expansion area), and a food waste receiving facility. These programs were not included in the original WQCF Master Plan Update, and were therefore not analyzed within the associated WQCF Masters Plans EIR (EDAW, 2007). Additionally, an on-site soil excavation source area for the proposed project would be located adjacent to and to the north of the biogas/CNG refueling station and truck refueling expansion area. This soil excavation source area is considered a potential source for extra soil needs.

Findings/Determination: The City of Manteca has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigations, with substantial supporting evidence provided in the Initial Study (IS). The City of Manteca hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence on January 19, 2016 and will end on February 18, 2016 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be sent to the attention of Mr. Bret Swain at 1001 West Center Street, Manteca, CA 95337 by 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 18, 2016. A copy of the IS/MND is available for review under the CEQA/NEPA tab on the City of Manteca Public Works Project Information website:

http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/pwt/Engineering/ProjectInfo.aspx?Show=4#04

Or hard copies are available for viewing at the City of Manteca, Public Works Office located at:

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