

CITY OF MANTECA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the WQCF Alternative Energy Development – Solar Project

Lead Agency: City of Manteca

1001 West Center Street Manteca, CA 95337

Project Title: WQCF Alternative Energy Development – Solar Project

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 a 2.5 to 3-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) array at the existing City of Manteca WQCF. This program was not included in the original WQCF Master Plan Update, and was therefore not analyzed within the associated WQCF Master Plan's EIR (EDAW, 2007). The solar PV array would be located to the south of the existing City of Manteca WQCF and would encompass approximately 11.9 acres. There will also be some electrical conduits either at or below grade. A berm would be located along the southern boundary of the solar PV array. Additionally, a temporary construction laydown area and storage area (of approximately 3.9 acres) would be on the eastern side of the City of Manteca WQCF and to the north of the solar PV array. Dirt access roads to and from existing roadways would also be allowed.

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. The City of Manteca hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study will commence on May 27, 2019 and will end on June 26, 2019 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to the attention of Bret Swain at 1001 West Center Street, Manteca, CA 95337 by 5:00 PM on June 26, 2019. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are available for review at the City of Manteca office.

Bret Swain, PE

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