

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Proposed Updates to the City of Clovis Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, and Recycled Water Master Plan

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To: Responsible Trustee and Interested Agencies, Property Owners, Residents, and Interested Citizens

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Comment Deadline: April 13, 2018

The City of Clovis (City) has completed a Draft Subsequent Focused Environmental Impact Report (SFEIR) for the proposed Updates to the City of Clovis Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, and Recycled Water Master Plan (project). These plan updates affect lands within the City's 2014 General Plan planning area. Notice is hereby given that the Draft SFEIR is available for public review and comment.

The City prepared an Initial Study for the project, and determined that a subsequent EIR should be prepared to analyze impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gases, and utilities and service systems. The SFEIR is based upon the Program EIR (PEIR) certified with approval of the City's General Plan.

Project Location and Description: The City is undertaking to update its master plans for water, recycled water, and wastewater. The purpose of the update is to synchronize these master plans with the growth projections and future service area envisioned in the Clovis General Plan (General Plan). The area encompassed by the updates is the city's General Plan's approximately 74-square mile planning area.

The Water Master Plan update proposes additional water supply infrastructure relative to the assumptions in the 2014 General Plan PEIR. The key additions are: construction of a secondary 20 MGD SWTP, construction of 42-inch diameter raw water line between the two SWTPs that will also provide an interconnection with the City's primary SWTP and the Friant-Kern Canal, construction of an emergency intertie between the City of Fresno and City of Clovis water systems to enable water to be conveyed between the cities, and addition of 80 acres of groundwater recharge area. The construction of related supply pipelines were otherwise assumed in the PEIR.

The Recycled Water Master Plan update proposes expansion of the City's recycled water system into the Northeast Triangle, Northwest Village, and Loma Vista areas. Longer term, at buildout, phased construction of additional distribution infrastructure is required throughout the City. Major distribution infrastructure required to deliver this water will typically consist of 10- to 30-inch diameter pipes and transmission mains with two new pump stations located at strategic locations in the Northeast Village and Northwest Triangle villages.

The Wastewater Master Plan update notes that the Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast Service Areas are projected to exceed the build-out capacity of the Clovis Sewage Treatment/Water Reuse Facility, based upon the 2014 General Plan land uses. The 2017 Master Plan proposes diversion of a portion of the flow from these service areas to the Fowler Service Area. The Fowler Service Area is capable of acquiring additional capacity in the regional system for both its originally planned service area and the diversion areas. Such additional capacity, available by prior agreement with Fresno, is sufficient based upon current Clovis land use planning per the 2014 General Plan. Additionally, Clovis has agreed to participate in the cost of construction of up to 3 million gallons per day of additional capacity in the North Avenue Trunk Sewer, which receives flow from the Fowler Trunk Sewer and discharges into the Regional Water Recycling Facility. Agreement provisions specify that the Clovis share of related project costs shall reflect Clovis' proportional share of flow capacity in any new capacity enhancing project.

Potential Project Impacts: Based on the Draft SFEIR, the project could have significant and unavoidable environmental effects related to air quality and greenhouse gases, including impacts that would be more severe than what was concluded in the PEIR. No new or more severe impacts related to utilities and service systems were identified.

Public Review: Copies of the Draft SFEIR may be reviewed or obtained at the City of Clovis Planning and Development Services Department, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA, 93612, telephone (559) 324-2340. The Draft EIR may also be reviewed online at www.cityofclovis.com or at the Clovis Regional Library, 1155 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612.

Public Review Period: The 45 day public comment period for the Draft SFEIR will begin on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and end on Friday, April 13, 2018. Please submit written comments to Ryan Burnett, AICP, Engineering Program Supervisor, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612, email: ryanb@cityofclovis.com. All comments addressing environmental issues will be responded to in the Final SFEIR.

Project Decision-Making Process: After the Final SFEIR is prepared, a public hearing will be held to consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the project. Final notice of the hearing will be given to all agencies and persons receiving notice of the Draft SFEIR availability.

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