

City of Merced
Notice of Availability
Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update
Draft Environmental Impact Report

DATE: September 15, 2020

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: Ken Elwin, P.E., City of Merced Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability for the City of Merced Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

This serves as the City of Merced's Notice of Availability of the Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update Draft EIR prepared in accordance with the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Merced Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Merced

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Merced has evaluated and assessed the function, expansion, and replacement of the wastewater collection system within the City to accommodate future development. The 2017 WCSMP documents this evaluation and recommends the proposed Program and proposed Project as the preferred actions of the planning process. This Draft EIR, evaluated expansion of the wastewater collection system including trunk sewers, force mains, pump stations, wastewater treatment and reclamation facility expansion, wastewater reclamation, and other associated infrastructure for the potential to result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECT IMPACTS DISCUSSED IN DOCUMENT: Based on the analysis contained in the Draft EIR, implementation of the project would have no significant and unavoidable environmental impacts. For all CEQA resource areas where potentially significant impacts were identified, the Draft EIR found that those impacts could be mitigated to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft EIR and supporting documents are available for review and comment during normal business hours at 678 W 18th Street, Merced, California 95340.

The public review period for this document begins **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**. The end of the 45-day review period has been set for Thursday, October 29, 2020. In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing and received by the City no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020**, to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Please include a name, address, email, and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject. Please mail or email your written comments or questions to:

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Availability of Documents: The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Online at <https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/engineering/sewer-master-plan> or <https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/development-services/planning-division/documents-and-handouts>
- Merced County Library – 2100 O St, Merced, CA 95340
- Public Works – 1776 Grogan Avenue, Merced, CA 95341
- Merced City Clerk's Office – 678 W 18th Street Merced, CA 95340