

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Governor's Office of Planning & Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Notice of Determination in compliance with Public Resources Code, Division 13, Section 21108

PROJECT TITLE: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements (Project);
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) NO. C-06-8124-210

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State Clearing House Number	Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone Number

LEAD AGENCY AND ENTITY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: City of Firebaugh (City)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

PROJECT LOCATION: The City lies in the San Joaquin Valley's central-western region, along the west side of the San Joaquin River in Fresno County. The City is adjacent to State Route 33 and is approximately 30 miles west of the City of Fresno city limits. The existing WWTP is located at the southeastern edge of the City. The WWTP is located on 230 acres of City-owned land.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project includes upgrading the WWTP with the construction of an extended aeration activated sludge system in the old polishing pond. This new treatment process will produce effluent that meets all applicable water quality standards and is suitable for tertiary treatment and recycling. The eastern portion of the pond will be converted to an aeration basin and the western portion will contain secondary clarifiers for sludge removal and recycling. Treated effluent will be discharged to the existing percolation ponds and waste sludge will be stored in the existing sludge drying bed. Other Project activities include modifying the existing headworks, improving the existing operations building, modifying the piping between the headworks and the old polishing pond, modifying the percolation pond piping as needed, and reshaping, excavating, and combining several percolation ponds. All Project related activities will take place inside the fenced WWTP. No construction activity will occur outside of the fenced area.

This is to advise that the State Water Board made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations and approved CWSRF financing on March 22, 2019 for the Project:

1. Determinations were made pursuant to the CEQA.
2. The State Water Board considered the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as prepared by the City for this Project.
3. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted by the City for this Project.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the City's approval of the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by the City for this Project.
6. The Project will not have any adverse significant water quality effects.

This is to certify that the MND with comments and responses and record of funding approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at the above address.

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Signature (Public Agency)	Title	Date

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