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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**FOR CITY OF ATWATER 1,2,3- TCP MITIGATION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Atwater is circulating for public review an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed TCP Mitigation Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Various, please see attached - Atwater, CA 93510.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City is tasked with protecting public health and providing a safe water source for the residents of the City. In this effort the City proposes to install Wellhead Treatment Centers using granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment to manage 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) levels by bringing the measured level of TCP to below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 5 parts per trillion (ppt). As cited in the *City of Atwater 1,2,3,-TCP Mitigation Damages Assessment* report, several wells (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) have also shown detections of 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP). GAC has been shown to reduce levels of DBCP in other Public Water Systems (PWS). Wellhead Treatment Centers will be installed to treat 8 well sites identified in this document. GAC adsorption is considered as the Best Available Technology (BAT) and the most economical treatment solution to treat PWS with TCP levels above the MCL of 5ppt (SBDDW-17-001, pg. 6; Treatment Costs).

Each treatment plant site would be equipped with a backwash reclaim tank to hold washwater produced during initial washing of newly delivered carbon. The washwater will be settled in the tank and the decanted water pumped back into the treatment plant. The treatment plants treating wells 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 will include on-line nitrate analyzers to detect nitrate sloughing. Treatment plants constructed remotely from the well site will need to be equipped with a chlorination system for disinfection of the GAC effluent.

Well 20 is the only location with adequate area for the installation of the TCP removal system. The installation of the TCP removal systems for wells 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 requires the purchase of additional property to accommodate the installations. Properties have been identified in a previously prepared report titled *City of Atwater 1, 2, 3,-TCP Mitigation Damage Assessment*, incorporated herein by reference.

Since the preparation of the *City of Atwater 1, 2, 3,-TCP Mitigation Damage Assessment*, the City of Atwater has identified alternative WHTC sites and they are identified herein as alternatives. Figure 1.1 shows locations for both proposed and alternative WHTC's.

**PUBLIC REVIEW:** The City of Atwater is making the proposed IS/ND available to interested agencies and members of the public for review and comment. A 30-day public review period will begin on **Thursday, July 30, 2020** and conclude on **Friday, August 28, 2020**.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/ND and separately bound appendices is available for review during regular business hours at the Atwater City Hall, Community Development Department at 750 Bellevue Rd in Atwater, CA 95301 and on the City of Atwater Website, <https://www.atwater.org>. Written comments may be submitted to Greg Thompson at the above address prior to the end of the public review period.

A meeting of the City of Atwater City Council will be held to consider the approval of the IS/ND at the City Hall on August 31, 2020 or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

For additional information, please call Greg Thompson, Public Works/Community Development Director, at (209) 357 6342.

**For reviewing agencies:** The City of Atwater requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments.