

CITY OF FRESNO

ADDENDUM TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. C-14-041

**for Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-14-041 filed for the
Rezone Application No. R- 16-008 and Annexation Application No. ANX-16-002
Filed for the City of Fresno Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility**

*Addendum prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Guidelines*

The full Initial Study, the Master Environmental Impact Report Certified for the General Plan (SCH No. 2012111015) are on file in the
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APPLICANT:

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City of Fresno Department of Public
Utilities Water Division
(project sponsor and property
owner)
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PROJECT LOCATION:

56.92± total acres of property addressed as 6395 East
Floradora Avenue, Fresno, California 93727 and is
comprised of two parcels (APNs 310-083-03 and -04)
located on the west side of North Armstrong Avenue
between East Floradora and East Olive Avenues in the
unincorporated portion of the City of Fresno's Sphere of
Influence in the County of Fresno.
Township 13 S, Range 21 E, Section 34, Mount Diablo
Base & Meridian
Latitude 36°45'34" North, Longitude 119°40'35" West

PROJECT DESCRIPTION [Bold text is to be added]:

Annexation Application No. ANX-16-002 and Rezone Application No. R-16-008 were filed by Glenn Knapp, Professional Engineer with the City of Fresno Water Division, on behalf of the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, and pertain to ±57 acres of property located on the west side of North Armstrong Avenue between East Floradora and East Olive Avenues in the unincorporated portion of the City of Fresno's Sphere of Influence boundary. Annexation Application No. ANX-16-002 proposes detachment of the property from the Fresno County Fire Protection District and the Kings River Conservation District and annexation to the City of Fresno. Rezone Application No. R-16-008 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to rezone the property from the Fresno County AE-20 (*Agriculture Exclusive, 20 acres*) zone district to the City of Fresno PI/UGM (*Public and Institutional/Urban Growth Management*) zone district. (Conditional Use Permit No. C-14-041 was approved on September 28, 2015, to allow the phased development of the Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility and future City Water Division administration site.)

Conditional Use Application No. C-14-041 filed by the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, on behalf of the Water Division (property owner). CUP Application No. C-14-041 pertains to 56.92± total acres of property addressed as 6395 East Floradora Avenue and is comprised of two parcels (APNs 310-083-03 and -04) located on the west side of North Armstrong Avenue between E. Floradora and East Olive Avenues in the unincorporated portion of the City of Fresno's Sphere of Influence. The application sought authorization to develop the City of Fresno Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility (SESWTF) on the 37-acre easterly parcel (APN 310-083-04) with an ultimate capacity of 80 million gallons per day, walls, fencing, landscaping, appurtenant infrastructure such as roadway/sidewalk improvements and installation of water pipelines and power, drainage, and communication facilities. Future project phases include a Water Division administration site with corporation yard; and photovoltaic arrays. SESWTF facilities to be constructed in the first phase of the project will include a pump station for treated water; two concrete underground treated water reservoirs, each holding 4 million gallons; standby generators; water treatment chemical storage and dispensing equipment; solids drying beds; a security system; a monopole telemetry antenna; and stormwater management facilities. The plant will receive water via a 6-foot diameter underground raw water pipeline and will distribute it via large-diameter and standard water mains. Permits for this facility will be obtained from the California Water Boards and from Fresno County for road work. The 19.99-acre westerly parcel (APN 310-083-03) will be used for temporary staging of SESWTF construction and for the subsequent administration site, which will include an office building, warehouse, rack storage for pipe and fittings, a meter shop, an electrical substation, and Water Division fleet servicing. The City's current planned land use designation for the project site is Public Facility (per the City of Fresno General Plan and Agriculture/20 Acre Minimum Parcel size in the Fresno County General Plan. The property is currently zoned AE-20 (*Exclusive Agricultural - 20 acre minimum lot size*, Fresno County zoning), which allows development of public facilities by conditional use permit.

The construction and operation of the Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility (SESWTF) were assessed under Environmental Assessment No. C-14-041. The environmental impact of pre-zoning the site is consistent with the planned land of the current General Plan which was adopted in December of 2014. The annexation of the site also will have no environmental impacts.

Since the proposed rezone and annexation will have no environmental impacts beyond which was previously assessed, the City of Fresno has determined that an addendum to Environmental Assessment No. C-14-041 is appropriate given that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent Amended Mitigated Negative Declaration have occurred; and, new information added is only for the purposes of providing minor technical changes or additions, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that when an EIR or a negative declaration have been certified for a project, no subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15162 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

(1) *Substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous Amended Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*

Finding (1): The environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the SESWTF have previously been assessed. The pre-zoning and annexation of the site to the City will have no impact on the environment.

(2) *Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous Amended Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or,*

Finding (2): There are no changes to the project. No new significant environmental effects or increases in severity of effects will occur from the pre-zoning and annexation of the site to the City.

(3) *New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous Amended Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following: (a) the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous Amended Mitigated Negative Declaration.*

Finding (3): No new information of substantial importance has been discovered and therefore the original Environmental Assessment No. C-14-041 remains valid.

ADDENDUM PREPARED BY:
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SUBMITTED BY:

DATE: October 6, 2016


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