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**CITY OF RIVERBANK
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project

The City of Riverbank has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.). Based on the Initial Study, the City has determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there would not be a significant effect because the City has incorporated mitigation measures into the project that would avoid significant effects or reduce the effects to an insignificant level. A public hearing for the proposed project to consider adopting the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and approving the project is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers at 6707 3rd Street, Suite B, Riverbank, CA 95367. Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at www.riverbank.org, and at City of Riverbank City Hall, 6707 Third Street, Riverbank, 95367.

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Riverbank is located on the south side of the Stanislaus River along State Highway 108 in Stanislaus County 94 miles east of San Francisco, 75 miles south of Sacramento, 100 miles north of Fresno, and 108 miles west of Yosemite National Park. The project site is located at the Riverbank Wastewater Treatment Plant on the north side of the Stanislaus River in San Joaquin County at 23865 Santa Fe Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Riverbank proposes to upgrade and expand its existing wastewater treatment plant to produce high quality (disinfected tertiary treated) recycled water for use on nearby agricultural lands. The project would include construction of new preliminary, secondary, and tertiary treatment and disinfection facilities and a recycled water storage tank, reconfiguration of existing treatment and percolation ponds to provide additional seasonal recycled water storage, installation of a recycled water distribution system, and expansion of treatment capacity to serve planned growth in the City through the year 2050. The City proposes to distribute the recycled water to two adjacent land owners that have expressed interest in receiving recycled water from the project for irrigation of walnut orchards.

MITIGATION MEASURES: The City has incorporated mitigation measures into the project for potentially significant project impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, transportation, and tribal cultural resources.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The City of Riverbank will accept public and agency comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day public review period starting on September 21, 2022, and closing on October 20, 2022. Written comments will be accepted up until 5:00 pm on October 20, 2022. Comments may be delivered via e-mail to mriddell@riverbank.org, or by postal service or hand delivery to the City of Riverbank, Public Works Department, 6707 Third Street, Riverbank, CA 95367, Attn: Michael Riddell, Director of Public Works.

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Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should notify the Administration Dept. at (209) 863-7122 or cityclerk@riverbank.org at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.