



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

City Council

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Avenal has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below.

Project Description: The proposed project replaces the City's existing General Plan, amends the Zoning Code, and adds a series of stand-alone Sustainability Implementation Programs to address recent changes in State law. The stand-alone Sustainability Implementation Programs include an Economic Development Plan, an Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School Plan, and a Water Management Plan. No specific construction-level development is proposed and no physical changes to the environment would directly result from adoption and implementation of the proposed project.

Project Location: City of Avenal

Finding: On the basis of the Initial Study, the Community Development Department of the City of Avenal has determined that with the incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Initial Study, the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous material sites are present at the location. There is one hazardous material site, as defined by Government Code Section 65962.5, within the Study Area. This site, located on the corner of Union Street and Kern Street, consists of an approximately 12-acre site that was previously used for dry crop farming of wheat and barley.

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein are available for public review at the Community Development Department office, 919 Skyline Boulevard, Avenal, CA 93204.

The starting date for public review of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is January 22, 2018. The ending date for public review is February 20, 2018. Comments may be submitted within this time period to Fernando Santillan, Community and Economic Development Director, City of Avenal, 919 Skyline Boulevard, Avenal, CA 93204. Comments may also be e-mailed to fsantillan@cityofavenal.com with "General Plan Enhancement" as the subject line.

A public hearing on the project, including the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held by the Planning Commission on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 501 East Kings Street, Avenal, CA 93204.

Fernando Santillan

Fernando Santillan, Community and Economic Development Director

Date: January 22, 2018