



**NOTICE OF INTENT, PAGE 2**

**Project**

**Description (cont):** the WWTP has not operated as originally designed and this has resulted in secondary treatment capacity not being used and discharge requirements, such as Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Electrical Conductivity (EC), and Total Nitrogen. The net effect of this situation is that the existing WWTP needs to be upgraded or an alternative treatment system needs to be installed. After evaluating four alternatives in the Project Report, Alternative 2, the Biolac Extended Aeration System, was selected as the recommended alternative for treatment and disposal. The Biolac System can meet the nitrogen disposal requirements and eliminates the acquisition of additional crop land and access to supplemental irrigation water.

**Project Sponsor(s):** Buttonwillow County Water District  
P.O. Box 274 (289 North Main Street), Buttonwillow, CA 93206


This is to advise that the Buttonwillow County Water District, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
  - (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and
  - (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material, which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which Buttonwillow County Water District based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration, may be obtained at Buttonwillow County Water District, P.O. Box 274 (289 North Main Street), Buttonwillow, CA 93206.

Pursuant to the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, an electronic PDF of the IS/MND is available for download on the District's website at [www.bcwd.specialdistrict.org](http://www.bcwd.specialdistrict.org). Also, in accordance with the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, all materials are being submitted electronically to the Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse CEQAnet Web Portal (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>).

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on December 9, 2022 and ends on January 9, 2023.

	<i>chairman</i>	<i>12/2/22</i>
Signature	Title	Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date received for filing and posting

- County Clerk
- OPR