

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD AGENDA # \*C-2

Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine X

AGENDA DATE JANUARY 9, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ITS FILING FOR THE STANISLAUS COUNTY HONOR FARM SEWER POND EXPANSION PROJECT

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. APPROVE THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION INCLUDING THE FINDINGS CONTAINED THEREIN (A COPY OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS ATTACHED);
2. ORDER THE FILING OF THE APPROVED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION; AND,
3. FIND THE PROJECT TO BE "DE MINIMIS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF FISH AND GAME CODES.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval and filing of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project. The Honor Farm Sewer Pond Expansion Project itself has a budget allocation of \$145,000.

BOARD ACTION

No. 2001-22

On motion of Supervisor Simon, Seconded by Supervisor Blom, and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

Motion:

*Christine Ferraro*

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:** The need to expand the Honor Farm's sewer pond capacity has been previously identified. In response to this identified need, work has been underway to design and secure the required outside agency approvals for the two additional sewer treatment ponds.

The next step in this process is the approval of and posting of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Following this action by the Board, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will take action to approve the County's project to construct two additional sewer treatment ponds adjoining the existing treatment facility at the Stanislaus County Honor Farm. The two additional treatment ponds will cover an area of approximately one-half acre.

**POLICY  
ISSUE:**

This action, which will lead to the expansion of the Honor Farm's sewer treatment capacity, meets the Board's goal of providing a safe and healthy community.

**STAFFING  
IMPACT:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this action.

RM:dc

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Stanislaus County  
Department of Planning and Community Development  
1100 H Street  
Modesto, California 95354

The Stanislaus County Department of Public Works plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below:

**NAME OF PROJECT:** STANISLAUS COUNTY HONOR FARM  
SEWER POND EXPANSION

**LOCATION OF PROJECT:** 8224 W. Grayson Rd. Modesto, CA  
APN 016-26-10; 017-60-02

**PROJECT DEVELOPER:** Stanislaus County, Dept. of Public Works  
1100 H Street  
Modesto, CA 95354  
Rob Macha

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Proposal to construct two additional sewer treatment (facultative) ponds adjoining the existing treatment facility at the Stanislaus County Honor Farm. Total area covered by the two ponds would be approximately ½ acre. The project is located adjacent to the existing sewer treatment facility and the County Honor Farm. Laird Regional Park is located to the west of the site. Other general land uses in the vicinity include row crops and orchards. A Turlock Irrigation District canal is located on the northwest boundary of the site.

**Lead Agency:**  
Stanislaus County, Department of Public Works

**Address Where Copy of Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration is Available:**

Stanislaus County, Department of Public Works  
1100 H Street  
Modesto, California 95354-2380

**Review Period:**  
30 Days - July 26 - August 26, 1999

**Contact Person:**  
Rob Macha

**Date Posted:** Removed From Posting - 30 Days:

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Based upon the Initial Study, dated July 19, 1999, the Environmental Coordinator finds as follows:

1. This project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, nor to curtail the diversity of the environment.
2. This project will not have a detrimental effect upon either short-term or long-term environmental goals.
3. This project will not have impacts which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
4. This project will not have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects upon human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The aforementioned findings are contingent upon the following mitigation measures (if indicated) which shall be incorporated into this project:

1. Prior to operation of the expanded facility, all appropriate permits shall be obtained through the Regional Water Quality Control Board and other appropriate regulatory agencies.
2. All work in progress shall be immediately halted if archaeological resources are discovered on site until clearance is obtained from the Planning and Community Development Director to proceed. The County shall be responsible for any costs associated with retaining a qualified archaeologist and completion of a work plan which identifies methods to avoid

**significant impacts should any resources be discovered during excavation.**

- 3. The facility should be maintained and closely monitored to avoid impacting any neighboring sensitive air quality receptors. The project shall comply with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Regulation VIII (Fugitive Dust Prohibitions.)**

The Initial Study and other environmental documents are available for public review at the Department of Planning and Community Development, and Department of Public Works, 1100 H Street, Modesto, California.

Initial Study prepared by: Kirk Ford, Senior Planner

Submit comments to: Rob Macha  
Stanislaus County, Department of Public Works  
1100 "H" Street  
Modesto, California 95354

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