

**STANISLAUS COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, California 95358

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

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The Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources ("County") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The County has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The County is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, from and including October 31, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

The County is seeking comments in your agencies area of expertise. All comments must be submitted in written form. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization when preparing comments.

**Project Title:**  
**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION 2017-117 FOR GILLUM AGRICULTURAL WELL**

**Project Location:**  
The project is located on Assessor's Parcel No. 001-011-031, located in northeastern Stanislaus County just northwest of where 26 Mile Road meets East Sonora Road. The project is located approximately 1.5 miles west of the unincorporated community of Eugene and approximately 9 miles northeast of the City of Escalon.

**Description of Project:**  
The Project is a groundwater well to be constructed within an area measuring approximately 150 by 200 feet, designated as the Project Site. The well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet. The proposed well will be constructed using approximately 12-inch diameter steel casing and screen, and will be fitted with a turbine pump capable of a peak pumping rate of approximately 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm). The well will be pumped intermittently during the irrigation season (usually March through October) to meet an anticipated water demand of approximately 300 acre-feet per year (AFY). The well and appurtenant wellhead equipment may be enclosed within a small shelter and fenced compound, typically measuring approximately 10 by 20 feet.

A power service line will be extended to the well from an existing PG&E power service line on East Sonora Road adjacent to the parcel of the well. Wooden power poles would be installed to extend power service to the well. Access will be provided by an unimproved dirt path that extends from East Sonora Road north to the Project Site. The access path will be approximately 200 feet long and approximately 10 feet wide.

**Address to Submit Comments and Review the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration:**  
Stanislaus County, Department of Environmental Resources  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, California 95358  
Walter Ward, Water Resources Manager

**Review Period:**  
**October 31, 2017 – November 30, 2017**

Do not remove from posting until: <b>Day After End of Review Period.</b>
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