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 PLANNING DIVISION
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Escondido Planning Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. This preliminary finding means that there will be no significant environmental effects from the project because of specific mitigation measures related to biological resources, cultural resources, noise and tribal cultural resources which have been agreed to by the applicant and incorporated into the design and implementation of the project. The description of the project is as follows:

CASE NO.: PHG 16-0014
DATE ISSUED: October 25, 2016
PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: October 27, 2016 to November 28, 2016

LOCATION: The project site is a City-owned property located on the southeastern corner of Washington Avenue and Ash Street, addressed as 1201 E. Washington Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City currently produces tertiary-treated recycled water that is used for landscape and industrial purposes throughout the Escondido area. Recycled water provided by the City is produced at the Hale Avenue Resources Recovery Facility (HARRF). The City proposes to develop and operate a Membrane Filtration/Reverse Osmosis (MF/RO) Facility to provide additional treatment of the recycled water produced at the HARRF to be suitable for agricultural uses. The facility would utilize membrane filtration (i.e., ultrafiltration (UF) membranes) and reverse osmosis (RO) technologies sized for a total production capacity of 2.0 million gallons per day (mgd) with the ability to accommodate the installation of future equipment to provide an additional 1.0 mgd of production capacity. The proposed project would consist of two buildings: the MFRO Process Building (21,660 SF) to house the MF/RO equipment, pumps, electrical rooms, control rooms, and meeting rooms; and the Chemical Building (14,440 SF) to house the transfer pumps and accommodate the storage of chemicals used in the treatment process. The project also includes several above ground storage tanks (300,000 gal. influent tank, 160,000 gal. interprocess tank, and 820,000 gal. product storage tank), back-up generator, as well as various above and below ground pipes and support infrastructure. The project will require a Conditional Use Permit subject to the approval of the City of Escondido Planning Commission.

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The review and comment period will end on November 28, 2016. A copy of the Environmental Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025, and online under "Projects" at <http://www.escondido.org/planning.aspx>. Written comments relevant to environmental issues will be considered if submitted to the Planning Division prior to 5:00 p.m., November 28, 2016. Further information may be obtained by contacting Jay Paul at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-4537. Please refer to Case No. PHG 16-0014.

DATED: October 25, 2016

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