

Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration

1. **Project title:** Dissolution of County Service Area 18, Silver Creek Drainage District, Poso Resource Conservation District, and Firebaugh Resource Conservation District in accordance with Senate Bill 448 (2017).

2. **Lead Agency name and address:** Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission
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4. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission
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County: Fresno County

Findings of Significant effect on Environment: None (see initial study supporting this finding at www.fresnolafo.org under the Documents for Public Review tab)

5. Project locations:

Poso Resource Conservation District

The Poso Resource Conservation District was formed in 1957 pursuant to the Resource Conservation District Law Public Resources Code sec. 9151 et seq. The District's service area encompasses 67,905 acres and its sphere of influence (SOI) encompass 1,342,718. The District is located in northwest Fresno County and is contiguous to Madera County on the north and to the Firebaugh Resource Conservation District to the south. A portion of the District is located within Merced County.

Firebaugh Resource Conservation District

The Firebaugh Resource Conservation District was formed in 1951 pursuant to the Resource Conservation District Law Public Resources Code sec. 9151 et seq. The District's service area encompasses 87,938 acres and its SOI encompasses approximately 1,342,718 acres. The District is located in northeast Fresno County and is contiguous to the north of Madera County and Poso Resource Conservation District, to the west of Merced County and Panoche Resource Conservation District, to the south of the Westside Resource Conservation District, and to the east of Tranquility Resource Conservation District.

Silver Creek Drainage District

The Silver Creek Drainage District was formed in 1982 pursuant to County Drainage District Act of 1903 Water Code (sec. 5600 et seq.). The District's service area encompasses 49,873 acres (77.9) square miles and the SOI encompasses 155,864 acres including the

unincorporated area surrounding the City of Mendota and south and west of the City of Firebaugh.

County Service Area 18 (Calwa)

CSA No. 18 (Calwa) was formed in 1966 pursuant to County Service Area Law (Government Code sections 25210-25217) as a single-purpose District to provide street lighting within the unincorporated community of Calwa. CSA 18 is located in southeast Fresno and is bounded by Church Avenue to the north, the Jensen Avenue bypass to the south, Cedar Avenue to the east, and Orange Avenue to the west. The District's service area encompasses 119 acres. The Fresno LAFCo deleted the CSA 18 SOI in 2017 in anticipation of the District's dissolution.

Description of project: The project consists of the dissolution of CSA 18, Silver Creek Drainage District, Poso Resource Conservation District, and Firebaugh Resource Conservation District in accordance with SB 448. After the effective date of the dissolution the districts shall be dissolved, disincorporated and extinguished, their existence shall be terminated and all of their corporate powers shall cease. No development is proposed. The initial study assesses the environmental impacts associated with the dissolutions and concluded the project will not have any direct or indirect significant effects. Copies of the initial study and proposed negative declaration are available for viewing and downloading at www.fresnolaftco.org under the Documents for Public Review tab.

Hearing date: It is anticipated the Commission will consider staff's recommendation to adopt a negative declaration for the project as part of a regular meeting calendared for April 3, 2019. The public hearing to consider this item will be held at 1:30 p.m., or soon thereafter, on April 3, 2019, in Room 301, Hall of Records, Tulare and "M" Streets, Fresno. All interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and present testimony on these matters.

Review period: The period for accepting written comments on the initial study and negative declaration recommendation extends from March 13, 2019 – April 1, 2019. Written comments should be directed to Juan Lara by e-mail at jlara@fresnocountyca.gov.