

ATTACHMENT C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

In compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

LEAD AGENCY: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission, 2607 Fresno Street, Suite B, Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 600-0604.

PROJECT TITLE: Adoption of Municipal Service Review, Sphere of Influence update, and Reorganization for the Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District (LAFCo File Nos. USOI-200, Fresno MVCD SOI Update and RO- 20-12, Fresno MVCD Reorganization).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District ("District") is situated in the north central portion of Fresno County and bounded by the Fresno-Madera County line to the north, the City of Kerman's Lassen Avenue to the west, Clovis Avenue and First Street on the east, and South Avenue on the south.

The proposal requests LAFCo to expand the existing District sphere of influence ("SOI") by 365 acres that encompasses two unincorporated parcels (Madera County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 049101018 and 049102003) that are generally bounded by Avenue 7½ on the north, Road 39 ½ to the west, the San Joaquin River to the south and Road 40½ to the east, in Madera County. The District SOI update will facilitate the subsequent and coterminous reorganization of the District's service boundaries.

NAME OF AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission.

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: Fresno LAFCo has prepared a Municipal Service Review update ("MSR") for the District pursuant to Government Code section 56430. The District MSR update consists of data collection, research, and LAFCo's written determinations and recommendations pertaining to services provided by the District. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000 require LAFCos to conduct a service review prior to, or in conjunction with, but no later than the time it considers a SOI update. The District MSR recommends Fresno LAFCo to update of the District SOI pursuant to Government Code section 56425.

The purpose of the District's SOI update and reorganization is to memorialize and accurately depict where District revenues are being spent to fund abatement and vector control services.

The proposal site consists of a section of the San Joaquin River along the Fresno-Madera County line and two unincorporated parcels (marshland and ponds) adjacent to the to the San Joaquin River. The Madera County General Plan Land Use Element designates both parcels for Agricultural Use, and both parcels are identified in Madera County's Exclusive Agriculture Zone District (ARE-20). The proposed District SOI update and reorganization will not change the existing land uses nor change the land use designations depicted by either Fresno County or Madera County's General Plan Land Use Elements.

FINDINGS: This is to advise that, in conducting environmental review for the District SOI update and reorganization, the District assumed the role of Lead Agency. The District determined that the proposal consists of a small boundary change that will allow the District to memorialize an out-of-district location that historically has been maintained by the District. The reorganization

will accurately depict where the District's resources are being allocated to provide mosquito abatement services. No projects or improvements will ever be proposed on the subject site.

Since it can be seen with certainty that the District SOI update and subsequent reorganization do not have the potential to result in a significant effect on the environment, it is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3).

As a "Responsible Agency" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Fresno LAFCo, independently reviewed and considered the potential environmental effects of the SOI update and reorganization as presented in the NOE prepared by the District, Lead Agency, prior to reaching a decision on the Proposal.

The Commission finds that it can be seen with certainty that the SOI update and reorganization do not have the potential to result in a significant effect on the environment, and that the SOI update is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3). Therefore, the proposal is exempt from environmental review.

The information described above consisting of the District Municipal Service Review, District SOI update (LAFCo File No. USOI-200), and District reorganization (LAFCo File No. RO-20-12) are available to the general public at office address:

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David E. Fey, Executive Officer April 14, 2021
Date

- Attachments:
A - District Map
B - Determinations for District SOI update (LAFCo USOI No. 200)
C - Notice of Exemption/s filed by Fresno MVCD