

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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.

SUBJECT: Filing a Notice of Determination in Compliance with CEQA Guidelines 15096(i)

PROJECT TITLE: Sphere of Influence update for the City of Firebaugh (LAFCo File No. RSOI-204 – Firebaugh SOI Update)

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Firebaugh sphere of influence (SOI) update encompasses 76.8 acres on the east and west sides of Washoe Avenue at the Herndon Avenue alignment.

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

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of the review and adoption of specific determinations and recommendations included in the Firebaugh Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Firebaugh SOI update prepared for the City pursuant to Government Code sections 56425 and 56430.

The Firebaugh SOI update consists of 76.8 acres of which approximately 40 acres are subject of the "Washoe Reorganization" (LAFCo file no. RO-21-05, APNs 007-091-26 and 012-020-26). The Firebaugh General Plan designates the territory in the updated SOI for a variety of uses.

This is to advise that Fresno LAFCo, acting as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, considered the environmental documents as prepared by the City of Firebaugh as Lead Agency, considered the Lead Agency's Findings and Determinations, and approved the Project on January 12, 2020. The following findings have been found to be true:

1. On April 19, 2021, the environmental effects of the Project were analyzed in the initial study and negative declaration for the "Firebaugh Annexation and Reorganization Project" (SCH no. 2021020419) prepared and adopted by resolution no. 21-15 by the City of Firebaugh as Lead Agency, were reviewed and considered, and determine these documents to be legally adequate pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15096
2. The approved Firebaugh SOI update would have no new effects beyond those identified in the initial study and negative declaration for the project (SCH #2021020419).
3. All applicable policies, regulations, and measures identified in the initial study and negative declaration for the project (SCH #2021020419). have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval by the City of Firebaugh, as lead agency.
4. No new environmental document is required.
5. Finding were made pursuant to CEQA section 15168(c)(2).

The information described above consisting of the environmental assessment and record of the Project, including the initial study and negative declaration for the project (SCH #2021020419). as prepared by the City of Firebaugh as Lead Agency, the Firebaugh Municipal Service Review, and the Firebaugh SOI update (LAFCo File No. RSOI-1204) are available to the general public at office address:

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January 12, 2021

Date