

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Akin Water Company Water Supply Project	
Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board	Contact Person and Telephone No.: Carol E. Atkins 916-341-5460
Project Proponent and Address: Akin Water Company 642 East Henderson Avenue Porterville, Ca. 93257	Contact Person and Telephone No.: Jim Akin 559-361-1871
Project Location: There are two separate areas involved in the proposed project, both located within the City of Porterville. Site A is where the new well will be drilled and distribution pipes will be installed. Site B is where the two wells will be abandoned, and additional distribution pipes will be installed. Site A is owned by the City of Porterville. Site B is located within existing road and utility right of ways. The combined area of potential effect is approximately 2 acres, and both sites are approximately 395 feet above mean sea level.	

### Project Description

The proposed project includes the construction of a new well to serve the City of Porterville, the construction of new distribution pipelines, the abandonment of two existing wells, and the consolidation of the Akin Water Company into the City of Porterville Water System. The new well, located on city-owned property, will be 16 inches in diameter, 710 feet deep, and provide up to 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm) capacity. The proposed distribution pipelines will connect into the existing City of Porterville water system in various locations within the city limits of Porterville. The new distribution pipelines will be constructed as follows:

- Segment A: a 500 lineal foot, 8-inch waterline in the right-of-way of an existing gravel roadway;
- Segment B: a 2,350 lineal foot, 12-inch waterline in an existing paved public roadway and gravel driveway; and,
- Segment C: a 900 lineal foot, 8-inch waterline in the right-of-way of an existing public paved roadway. Two existing wells will also be abandoned in this area.

The objectives of the project include providing potable water that meets the drinking water standards, including the EPA nitrate MCL, providing needed fire protection flow for a residential neighborhood, and eliminating a separate water system, which will save operational, maintenance, upgrade, and administrative costs currently paid by residents. All potential environmental impacts that may result with implementation of the project can be mitigated to less than significant levels.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, C2 Consult, Corp on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Akin Water Company prepared a Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Akin Water Company Water Supply Project. Based on the Initial Study, SWRCB staff determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures as noted in the Draft IS/MND. This notice is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in CEQA (Public Resources Code Sec. 21092), and the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Sec. 15072).

### **Public Comment Period: March 15, 2016 to April 13, 2016**

The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Draft IS/MND and submit written comments. The Draft IS/MND can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/> and is also available at the City of Porterville Community Development Department at 291 N Main St in Porterville, California.

Comments are due on April 13, 2016 and should be sent to Quincy Yaley, C2 Consult, Corp, 2125 Kern Street, Suite 301, Fresno, CA 93721 or [quincy@c2consultcorp.com](mailto:quincy@c2consultcorp.com).