

CITY OF WILLITS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE LITTLE LAKE MOBILE HOME PARK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: NORTH
MAIN STREET PIPELINE EXTENSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits (City) intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Little Lake Mobile Home Park Water System Improvements: North Main Street Pipeline Extension Project ("Project"). The public hearing to consider adoption of the IS/MND will be held at City Hall located at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490, on Wednesday, December 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

A pipeline extension to serve the LLMHP would require the installation of approximately 1.1 miles of up to eight-inch pipeline along N Main Street. N Main Street used to be the main route of Highway 101 before a Highway 101 bypass was constructed around the City. Since the completion of the Highway 101 bypass, much of the N Main Street right-of-way (ROW) has been transferred to the County, and N Main Street is now primarily a County maintained roadway. However, the bridge over Upp Creek and a portion of the road to the south of the bridge is still maintained by the California Department of Transportation. The new pipeline would need to cross Upp Creek by connecting to the existing roadway bridge, which is located between the City limits and the LLMHP, or by jack and bore under Upp Creek. An access route at the intersection of North Main Street south of the bridge would be a part of the APE as well as an extended area east of the road to allow for jack and bore. It is anticipated that the majority of the pipeline would be under the roadway pavement or right off the shoulder of the roadway (between three to five feet from the edge of the pavement). Either open-cut or trenchless installation methods would be used for pipe installation. For segments of the pipeline that would require open-cut installation, this would require the cutting and rehabilitation of the pavement.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an IS/MND has been prepared, evaluating the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The City has determined that potentially significant environmental impacts can be reduced to less than significant level with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review upon written notice to City of Willits - 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490. The public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND begins on October 22, 2026, and ends on November 23, 2026. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or email at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The Project site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.