

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING REGARDING  
PROPOSED BUFORD OIL COMPANY TRAVEL CENTER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City of Fowler will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State Guidelines implementing the Act for the project identified below. The views of Responsible, Trustee and other interested agencies, organizations and individuals as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your areas of concerns or your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the environmental effects of the proposed project are encouraged and welcomed. Under circumstances expressly allowed under Government Code Section 15096 of the State CEQA Guidelines, Responsible Agencies will be able to use the EIR prepared by City of Fowler when considering their respective permits or other approvals for the project. Further information about the Project may be available upon request from the Lead Agency by contacting Dawn E. Marple, Contract City Planner, City of Fowler, Planning and Community Development Department, 128 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Fowler, CA 93625, 559-834-4832

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Government Code Sections 15082 and 15083, early consultation, also called scoping, provides the Lead agency opportunity to consult with other persons, organizations, trustee agencies, adjoining cities and counties that may be concerned with the environmental effects of the proposed Project. The City of Fowler will also hold a Public Scoping Meeting at the Fowler City Council Chambers, 128 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Fowler, CA, to introduce the proposed Project, and gather public agency, interested party and community stakeholder comments, questions, and concerns regarding environmental impacts that could potentially result from the Project. All interested individuals are invited to appear to give oral or written testimony regarding the proposed Project's potential significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives. The Scoping Meeting will be held on June 20, 2018 starting at 6:30PM.

The applicant proposes to design and construct the Buford Oil Company Travel Center on approximately 18 acres located in the Golden State Industrial corridor, APN 345-180-30. The proposed project would involve the development of additional fueling facilities, traveler amenities, 2 drive-thru restaurants, a 24-hour diner, a 4-story hotel with 120 rooms, and parking facilities for motorists and commercial truck operators classified under a Conditional Use Permit Application. The EIR will analyze potential significant environmental impacts associated with construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed project. Specific areas of analysis will include all resource categories included in Appendix G to the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for which potential significant impacts from the project may result. If you feel there are specific significant impacts that could result from the project we invite you to describe the nature of those impacts, as well as offer feasible and reasonable mitigation for that impact that should be considered in the EIR. As the terms are defined in CEQA, the EIR is required to assess impacts for which there is substantial evidence or fair argument of its potential to be significant and will also identify reasonable and feasible mitigation measures that may help avoid or reduce the impact to a less than significant level.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice or by close of business, 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2018 by the City of Fowler's Planning and Community Development Department, Attention: Dawn E. Marple, Contract City Planner, City of Fowler, Planning and Community Development Department, 128 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Fowler, CA 93625, email: [dmarples@ci.fowler.ca.us](mailto:dmarples@ci.fowler.ca.us), or via phone at 559-834-4832. Comments may also be submitted orally or in writing at the scoping meeting.

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