

**Notice of Availability & Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND) & Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

for

**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT**

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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION & FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Lead Agencies: **Heber Public Utility District**
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Heber, CA 92249
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The Holt Group
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California State Law requires lead agencies to conduct an environmental review for all projects that require a public hearing. The environmental review examines the nature and extent of any potentially significant adverse effects on the environment that could occur if a project is approved and implemented.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION &
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Based on an Initial Study, it has been concluded that the project described herein will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact. These documents are on file and available for review at the Heber Public Utility District office, located at 1078 Dogwood Road in Heber and at The Holt Group, located at 1601 North

Imperial Avenue in El Centro. This notice is intended to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Finding of No Significant Impact.

Please provide written comments including, if applicable, specific statutory responsibilities of your agency. Written comments are desired at the earliest possible date, but no later than 20 days after the receipt of this notice. The comment period runs from February 13, 2009 to March 18, 2009.

Please send your responses and the name of the contact person to the Heber Public Utility District, 1078 Dogwood Road, Heber, CA 92249. Certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Finding of No Significant Impact document will be considered by the Heber Public Utility Board of Director's. A duly noticed public hearing has been scheduled before the Heber Public District Board of Director's on March 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Heber Essential Services Building located at 1078 Dogwood Road in Heber.

Project Title: Heber Public Utility District Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

Project Location: The project is located within the Heber Public Utility District, south of Main Street just east of Dogwood Road with a site address of 1085 Ingram Avenue in Heber, CA 92249.

Project Description: The proposed project is a capacity expansion of Heber Public Utility District's Water Treatment Plant from 2 million gallons per day (MGD) to 6 MGD. The project location is proposed within the existing water treatment site which encompasses approximately 8.5 acres. The expansion of the Water Treatment Plant is the last of three phases. Phase I included the installation of an aboveground water reservoir tank and was completed in May 2008. Phase II was for the installation and replacement of approximately 1.8 miles of underground pipelines for raw water conveyance off-site. This project, Phase III, will require the demolition, construction, and relocation of numerous water treatment plant components on-site. Site grading is also anticipated as a result of the expansion.

The proposed project is needed in order to accommodate the community's expected growth within a timeframe of 10-15 years. Without the proposed expansion, the Water Treatment Plant would not be able to accommodate new development because the existing facility has exceeded permitted capacity.

Heber Public Utility District
1078 Dogwood Rd.
Heber, CA 92249

The Holt Group
1601 North Imperial Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243

Sincerely,



John Jordan
District Manager
Heber Public Utility District

Date

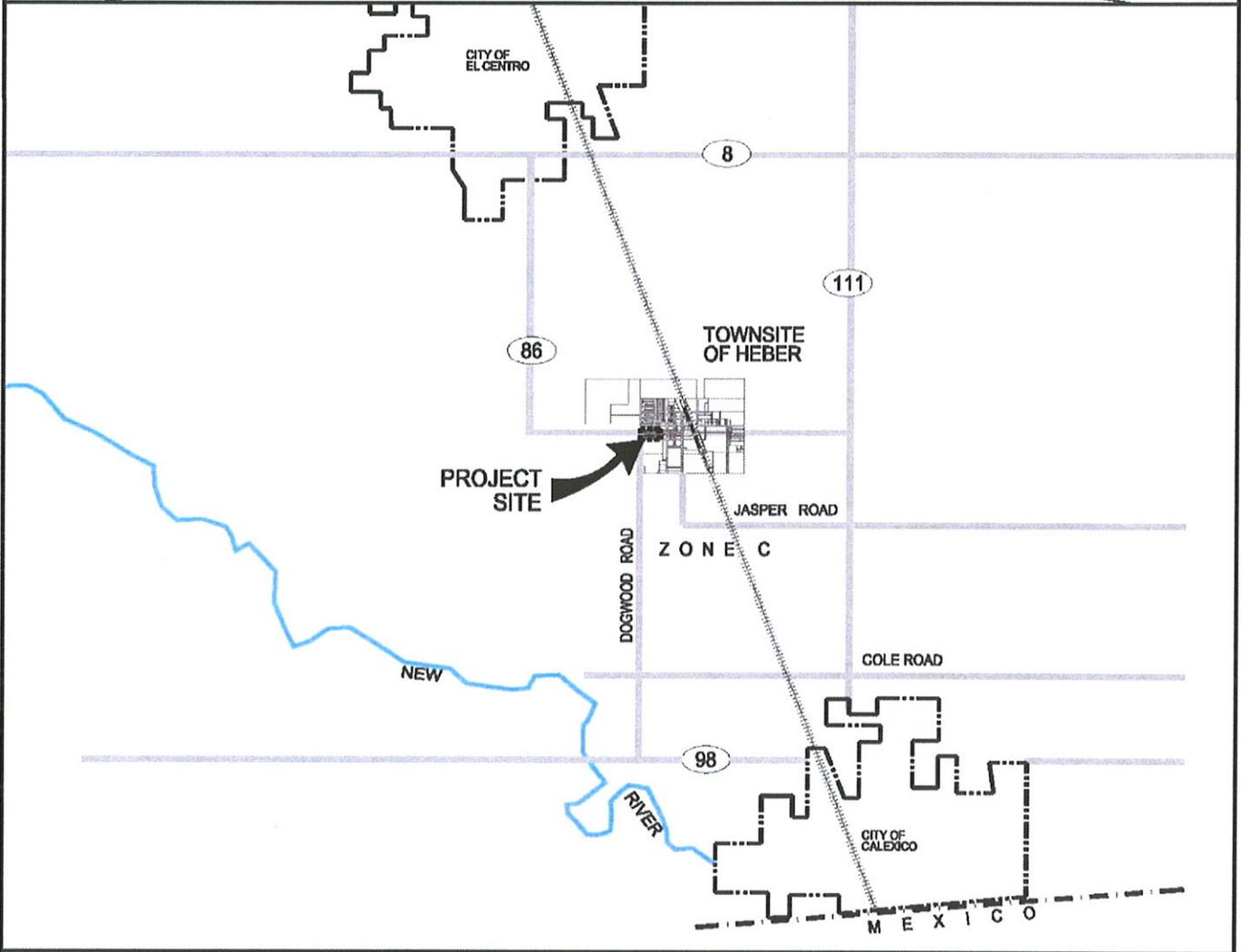
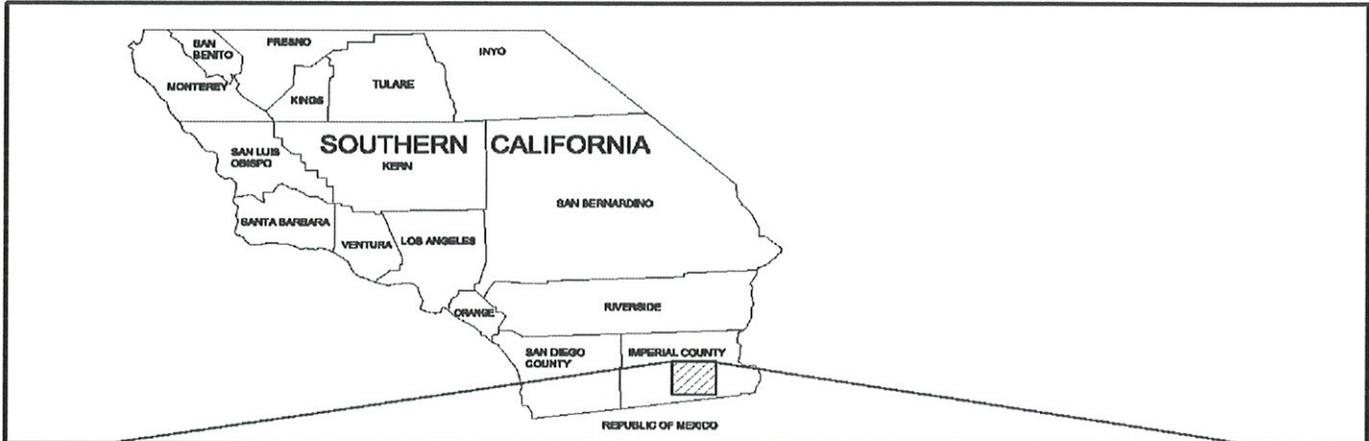
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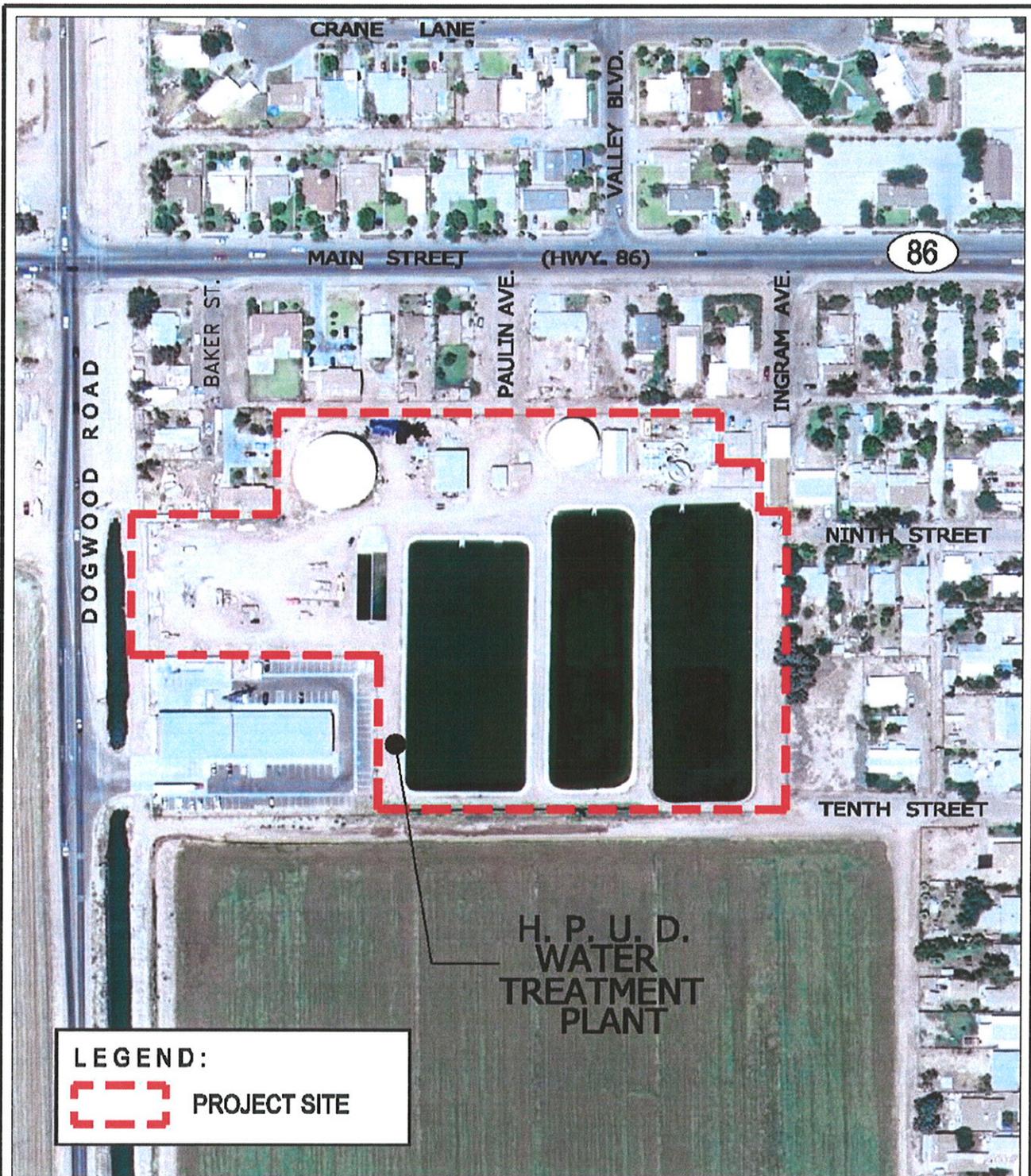
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1601 N. Imperial Ave.	El Centro, California 92243	(760) 337-3883	NOT TO SCALE	PROJECT No.: THG 744.039 DATE: 12-09-08

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LEGEND:
 **PROJECT SITE**

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**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 WTP PROJECT
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EXHIBIT 2

5075 N. Imperial Ave. | El Cerrito, California 92520 | (951) 357-0000

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