

## City of Arvin

### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION For: City of Arvin Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment 2018, Municipal Service Review, and Williamson Act Ordinance**



The City of Arvin (the "Lead Agency") hereby gives notice, that pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the City Staff has analyzed:

**PROJECT NAME:** City of Arvin Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment 2018, Municipal Service Review, and Williamson Act Ordinance

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Citywide. City of Arvin, County of Kern, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would allow for an expansion or amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) and includes an update to the City's MSR to assess the City's ability to provide services within the SOI. A zone ordinance to provide for the continuation, nonrenewal, or cancellation of Williamson Act contracts for properties which are annexed into the city limits is associated with the city's plans for lands within the sphere.

The city has identified a Preferred SOI and an Alternative SOI. The preferred SOI would allow for an expansion to the City's SOI from approximately 3,164 acres to approximately 6,655 acres, an increase of 3,491 acres. In the event that the board of the Local Agency Formation Commission does not find the preferred SOI to be warranted at this time, the city is proposing an alternative SOI that would allow for an expansion to the City's SOI from approximately 3,164 acres to approximately 5,159 acres, an increase of 1,995 acres.

**IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the City's Guidelines implementing CEQA. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of determining whether or not the "project" may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of this Initial Study, the City Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has therefore prepared a Negative Declaration. The findings in the Initial Study reflect the independent judgment of the City.

**STATEMENT OF WHETHER THE PROJECT IS A LISTED TOXIC SITE:** The Project Site encompasses the entire city and a specified area surrounding the city. Except for a site located at located at 600 S. Derby Street, the majority of area is not listed by the State Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (Cortese) as a known hazardous waste and substances site. The USEPA is currently leading the Remedial Action of the site.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period for the proposed Negative Declaration will commence on January 18, 2019 and end on February 19, 2019. Public comments on the Negative Declaration will be received by the City during this 30-day public review period. Written comments should be sent to the City of Arvin Planning Department, 141 Plumtree Drive, Arvin, CA 93203.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The public hearing for the approval of the Text Amendment for the Williamson Act Ordinance will be conducted at a later date and the Negative Declaration relating to the SOI, MSR, and Text Amendment is scheduled for the City Council on February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arvin City Hall Council Chambers, 200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203.

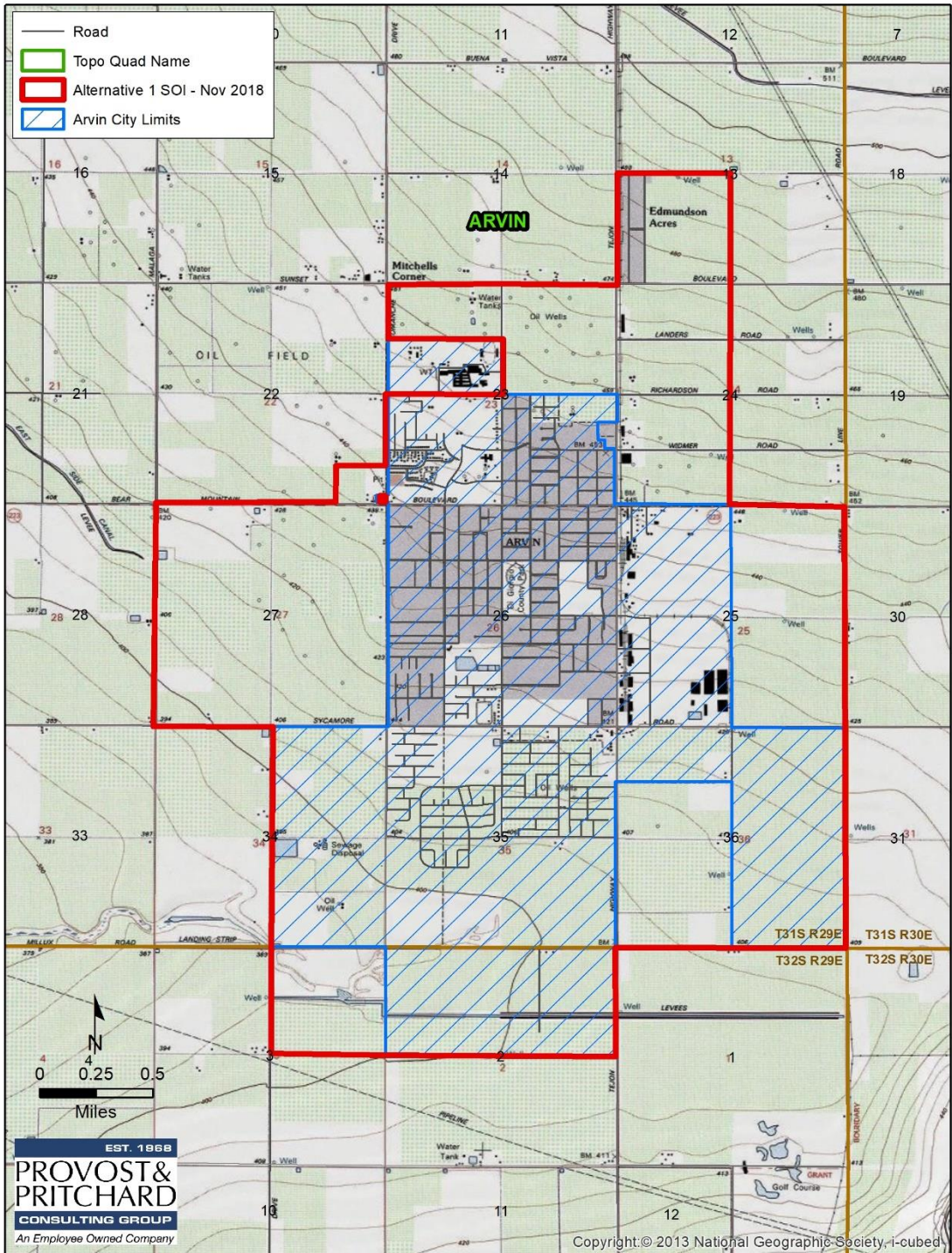
Copies of the Negative Declaration and all relevant documents are available for public inspection at the Arvin Planning Department located at 141 Plumtree Drive, Arvin, CA 93203 during normally business hours. Electronic copies of the Negative Declaration can be obtained by contacting Mr. Jake Raper at (661) 854-2822.

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ALTERNATIVE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE – NOVEMBER 2018



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PREFERRED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

