



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

August 2, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) is withdrawing the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

**Project Title:** Seneca Resources Corporation, North Midway-Sunset Visalia Tank Battery Project (S-1143503)

**Project Location:** North Midway-Sunset Oil Field in Kern County, California.

**Description of Project:** Seneca Resources Corporation is proposing 50 new thermally enhanced oil recovery (TEOR) wells and associated tank battery equipment in the North Midway-Sunset Oil Field to enhance oil production activities.

**Reason(s) For Withdraw:**

The District received an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit application from Seneca Resources Corporation for 50 new thermally enhanced oil recovery (TEOR) wells and associated tank battery equipment (Project). An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared by the District and released for a 30-day public review period starting December 7, 2015 to January 7, 2016. The District was informed by Kern County that the Project is subject to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 19.98 for Oil and Gas Activities. As such, Kern County will act as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15051(b) for the Project. A Site Plan Review application from Kern County is required for this Project and project related significant environmental impacts are to be mitigated in accordance with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015(C), Focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting. Therefore, the District is withdrawing the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project, and shall not take further action until the lead agency reaches its decision on the project.