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### DOWNTOWN DINUBA: City receives \$3.0 million in CDBG grant funds for the Kern Street Storm Drain Project

Funds to pay for 'Phase 1' of storm drain improvements to mitigate flooding issues in the Downtown.

(Dinuba, CA) – For many years, the City of Dinuba, has attempted to secure funding from a variety of different sources to fund the much-needed storm drain improvements in the Downtown. Today, city staff received written notice that the City of Dinuba has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Kern St. Storm Drain Project.

On November 1, 2018 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of \$29.6 million dollars in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Eligible cities were encouraged to apply for up \$3.0 million in grant funds for a local project. Following a public hearing on December 11, 2018 to receive public input on community projects for grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the City Council directed staff to move forward with preparing an application for the Kern Street Storm Drain Improvement Project. The goal of the project is to mitigate flooding downtown by installing storm drain pipes ranging in diameter from 18 to 60 inches, along with new asphalt street paving and ADA improvements.

The city received a formal announcement today from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) that the City of Dinuba Kern St. Storm Drain Project has been awarded funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). When completed, this project will increase storm drain capacity, and help to reduce or illuminate flooding in areas which have historically suffered from drainage issues during periods of heavy rain. Dinuba City Council and city staff are pleased to see the project moving forward, and look forward to beginning work on the much-needed storm drain and ADA improvements in the Downtown.

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