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IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Notice of Public Protest Hearing

The public protest hearing is set to
begin at 9:30 a.m., or as soon
thereafter on July 8, 2025

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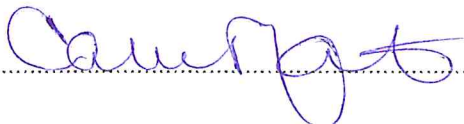
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No.14315; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

JUNE 13, 2025

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

JUNE 13, 2025

ON



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OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Notice is hereby given under Public Utilities Code Section 6232 that the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the County of Fresno (the "County") will conduct a public protest hearing to receive timely objections, including protests, against granting of a non-exclusive franchise, by ordinance, to RT Diversified, Inc. (also referred to as "RTD") to construct, maintain and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting water and wastewater to service Clovis Unified School District's Terry Bradley Education Center (the "Bradley Center"), in, along, across, upon, and under approximately 4.8 miles of the following public streets and highways within the unincorporated area of Fresno County: from the existing City of Fresno water main at McKinley Avenue, east of Temperance Avenue, eastward on E. McKinley Avenue, and then Northward on N. Leonard Avenue, to Shields Avenue, westward on Shields Avenue to a Shields and Locan terminus where the City is in the process of installing water and sewer mains, and along the streets surrounding the Bradley Center of Leonard, Weldon, Highland, and Princeton Avenues (collectively, the "Franchise Area").

If the non-exclusive franchise is granted, RTD shall annually pay a franchise fee of two percent (2%) of its gross annual receipts to the County, arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise, under the Public Utilities Code section 6231T, or other legislation applicable to franchisee or water and wastewater enacted by the State of California. In the event such payment is not made, the non-exclusive franchise will be forfeited. The non-exclusive franchise will be for a term of up to twenty-five (25) years from and after the date the ordinance is adopted.

"Gross annual receipts" means all income received through use of the facilities subject to the franchise.

At the public protest hearing, the Board will receive and consider any timely objections, including protests, against granting of the non-exclusive franchise. At any time not later than the hour set for the hearing of objections, any person interested may make written protest stating objections against the granting of the non-exclusive franchise. The protest shall be signed by the protestant and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board. At the time set for hearing objections, the Board will proceed to hear and pass upon all protests so made and its decision shall be final and conclusive, subject to the right of referendum of the people. If no protest in writing is delivered to the Clerk up to the hour set for hearing, or such protests as are filed have been heard and determined by the Board to be insufficient, or have been overruled or denied, the Board may grant the non-exclusive franchise by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by law for the enactment of ordinances by the Board.

The public protest hearing is set to begin at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard by the Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2025, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California.

A copy of the Board agenda materials for the Board's actions on this matter will be made available for public review, commencing on or about the Wednesday immediately before the public protest hearing, at the office of the Clerk to the Board (at the address above), and on the County's Internet web site at <https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Jeffrey Martin, Senior Staff Analyst at jefmartin@fresnocountyca.gov or (559) 600-4509. Bernice Seidel, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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