



GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN
INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
BIOSOLIDS AND ENERGY PHASE 1 PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, Goleta Sanitary District Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of a proposed biosolids and energy upgrade project at the Water Resource Recovery Facility located in Goleta, California.

Project Title: Biosolids and Energy Phase 1 Project

Project Location: One William Moffett Place, Goleta, CA 93117

Project Description: The primary components of the proposed Project consist of:

- One new digester with a capacity of 550,000 gallons, which will replace an existing digester. The new digester will include the installation of auxiliary equipment, including digester mixing apparatus, digester cover, and digester heating elements (heat exchanger, piping, etc.). This new digester is designed to allow sufficient capacity for the plant if any of the existing digesters go out of service.
- A combined heat and power (CHP) system featuring one new 160-kilowatt (kW) generator set that will be fueled by digester gas. Waste heat from the CHP engine will be used to heat the digesters. Additionally, the two existing digester gas booster blowers will be replaced with two new blowers.
- A biogas pretreatment system to reduce hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), siloxanes, and moisture in the digester gas used to fuel the CHP engine.

The proposed project will require that an Authority to Construct permit from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and a Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit from the Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department be obtained to construct and operate the proposed project components.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

**Goleta Sanitary District
One William Moffett Place
Goleta, CA 93117**

Electronic copies of the document can be reviewed on or downloaded from the District's website at <https://www.goletasanitary.org>. The comment period on the IS/MND closes on **May 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM**. A public hearing to accept comments on the document is scheduled for Monday May 2, 2022 at the Goleta Sanitary District office at the below listed address. Please submit questions or comments to Steve Wagner <swagner@goletasanitary.org> or to:

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