



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Date:** October 7, 2022  
**To:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Availability of Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines and Procedures for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act" as amended to date, this letter is to advise you that the City of Richmond Planning Division has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:*

**Project No:** PLN21-282

**Project Title:** Raven SR Bioenergy Project

**Project Location:** The project site is located at 1 Parr Boulevard, in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, California. It is within the West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill (WCCSL) facility located in the northwest area of the City of Richmond, in Contra Costa County, California. For purpose of the environmental document, the project would occur within approximately 2.5 acres of the existing Bulk Materials Processing Center (BMPC) of the WCCSL. The property is located approximately 0.25 miles west of Parr Boulevard (approximately 0.25 miles west from Richmond Parkway) via an unpaved access road. The northern boundary of the project site is the City of Richmond/Contra Costa County jurisdiction line; the project site is located wholly within the City of Richmond, except for use of an existing access/egress road located within the County.

**Parcel No:** 408-140-009 (174.93 acres)

**Project Sponsor/Applicants:** Raven SR Inc.; Matt W. Murdock CEO

**Project Description:** The Raven SR Bioenergy Project (project) proposes to construct and operate a bioenergy system composed of the Raven SR multi-patented Steam/CO<sub>2</sub> Reformation process at the project site. The non-combustion process would convert blended green waste and food waste, obtained from the existing BMPC operation adjacent to the project site, into renewable, transportation grade hydrogen that would be exported offsite for various renewable energy products. No long-term hydrogen storage would occur onsite. The project would also involve the construction of a modular structure and industrial canopy.

#### **Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared**

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared. Its purpose is to identify any potential environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The IS/MND is available for review online at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4365/Raven-SR-Bioenergy-Project>. Copies are also available for review at the following location:

City of Richmond **Planning Division Department**, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, 94804. The Planning Division public counter is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a), a minimum thirty-day (30) public review period is required and shall commence on the date of this notice (October 7, 2022). All written comments on this document must be submitted to the City of Richmond Planning Division within this 30-day review period, or by **Monday, November**

**7, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.**

Please mail or email your written response to this Notice of Availability no later than by **5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2022** to:

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Please include in your written response the name and phone number of a contact person in your agency.