

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE CITY OF SOLVANG
WASTEWATER TREATMENT WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Solvang is circulating the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for public comment.

Project/Location: The City of Solvang is located at 101 Alisal Road, Solvang CA 93463 in Santa Barbara County on Rancho Alisal Drive along the Santa Ynez River.

Project Description: The proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Water Quality Project is comprised of multiple improvements to restore lost treatment capacity, achieve required consistent removal of nitrogen, address existing Wastewater Treatment Plant deficiencies, and replace older facilities with improved technologies. The Project will result demolition of older structures, construction of new buildings, and renovations of some structures.

The Project includes improvements to restore lost treatment capacity, achieve required consistent removal of nitrogen, address existing WWTP deficiencies, and replace old facilities that have reached the end of their useful life. The improvements to restore lost capacity would also modify the treatment process to allow for production of recycled water. Computer models were developed, and simulations run to evaluate the treatment performance of various alternatives. Simulation results indicate that the alternatives would be capable of treating up to 1.5 MGD with the possibility of future expansion.

Document Availability: The Initial Study/MND will be available for review at the following location beginning on December 23, 2022:

- City Hall at 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA 93463
- <https://www.cityofsolvang.com/>

Public Review Period:

The 30-day public review period the Initial Study/MND is from December 23, 2022 to January 23, 2023.

Comments: Interested individuals, organizations, trustee and responsible agencies, and other agencies who wishes to comment on the City's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5 p.m. on January 23, 2023.

Written comments may be sent to:

City of Solvang
Utilities Department
411 Second Street
Solvang, CA 93463

Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (805) 688-2049 or by email attention Mr. Jose Acosta at: jacosta@cityofsolvang.com.

Please put "Wastewater Treatment Plant Water Quality Project" in the subject line. Agency responses should include the name of a contact person within the commenting agency.

Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the Project will not have significant impact upon the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared identifying the potential significant impacts and mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant.

Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.