



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

City of Oceanside, California

SUBJECT: Food Waste Conversion Project - located at 3950 North River Road,
Oceanside, CA

LEAD AGENCY: City of Oceanside, 300 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oceanside has prepared and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-noted project, in accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The MND establishes that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because required mitigation measures will address potential project effects. The City's decision to prepare a MND should not be construed as a recommendation of either approval or denial of this project. The Initial Study (IS) for the proposed project can be reviewed on the City's website at <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/government/development-services/planning/environmental-documents-ceqa/food-waste-to-energy>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the installation of organic material receiving infrastructure and anaerobic digester equipment at the existing San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility (SLRWRF). The project would allow the City to accept food derived digestate in order to produce renewable energy from biogas. The project involves updating the existing Digester 5 on the northwest corner of SLRWRF. SLRWRF currently has five digesters, four of which are currently dedicated to anaerobic digestions. The fifth digester is a concrete shell that is ready for enhancements to be used as a digester for food waste. The project would install equipment and supporting infrastructure to bring Digester 5 into operational status. Renewable energy in the form of electricity and heat would be generated via the combustion of biogas. This in turn would be used to offset the City's use of electricity from the grid, power the treatment plant, save rate payer dollars, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce landfill disposals.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period is from Wednesday February 22, 2023 to Thursday March 23, 2023. The state agency review period is from Friday March 10, 2023 to Monday April 10, 2023.

PROJECT MANAGER: Mabel Uyeda, Principal Water Engineer, Phone: (760) 681-4780, E-mail: muyeda@oceansideca.org, Mailing address: City of Oceanside Planning Division, 300 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City invites members of the general public to review and comment on this environmental documentation. Written comments may be mailed or e-mailed to the project manager. Copies of the MND and supporting documents are also available for public review and inspection at the Planning Division located in City Hall at 300 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054. The City's Planning Commission will conduct public hearings at future dates to be determined. You will receive separate public notice for those hearings. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the public review period on the proposed MND or at future public hearings.

Russ Cunningham, Principal Planner

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