

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Gonzales has undertaken environmental review for the proposed Gloria Road Agricultural Cooler Project located on Gloria Road, and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The City of Gonzales invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed Gloria Road Agricultural Cooler Project.

Lead Agency: City of Gonzales

Project Location: Gloria Road, east of the Gloria Road/U.S. Highway 101 interchange in unincorporated Monterey County

Project Description: The proposed project is an agricultural processing facility consisting of 313,800 square feet of building area proposed within a 32.1-acre development footprint. The base facility configuration includes 210,000 square feet of building area for raw product cold storage and processing lines, and approximately 33,800 square feet of office administration space and miscellaneous mechanical and storage rooms and shop area. The remaining 70,000 square feet of building is proposed for construction in the future with planned operations consisting of additional cooler space, truck dock spaces, and additional uses that are the same as the initial cooler building. A substantial portion of the balance of the site will be paved for parking, truck circulation, and siting refrigeration and other equipment. Process wastewater will be treated and stored for use as agricultural irrigation supply. Planned offsite improvements include a water main and a recycled process wastewater storage pond. Operations would be seasonal, with the peak season from April to November. The project would generate approximately 426 new jobs during the peak season, 80 jobs during the off season. The facility site is within the City of Gonzales Sphere of Influence. Annexation and General Plan Amendment approvals are required.

Public Review Period: Begins: March 15, 2023
Ends: April 13, 2023

Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is Available for Public Review at: City Hall - 147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926; Gonzales Library Branch - 851 Fifth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926; and City website - <https://gonzalesca.gov/services/community-development/development-activity-projects>

Written Comments May be Sent to: Taven Kinison Brown, Community Development Director
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Public Hearing: Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 (Planning Commission Special Meeting)
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: City of Gonzales City Council Chambers