

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

- PROJECT NAME:** Amendment to CUP No. 733 – Universal Waste Systems, Inc., Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station
- SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration - Environmental Review (California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA)
- LEAD AGENCY:** City of Santa Fe Springs
Planning and Development Department
11710 Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
- APPLICANT:** The Applicant is Mr. David Fahrion, Universal Waste Systems, Inc. 9016 Norwalk Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670.
- CITY/COUNTY:** City of Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County
- LOCATION:** The Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS) facility is located in the northern portion of the City within an established industrial district located along the east side of Norwalk Boulevard. The project site is comprised of a single parcel totaling approximately 3.81 acres. The legal address for the UWS facility that is the subject of the CUP Amendment is 9016 Norwalk Boulevard. The assessor’s parcel numbers (APNs) that are applicable to the site include 8168-001-044 and 8168-001-815.
- DESCRIPTION:** This Initial Study evaluates the environmental impacts associated with a request by Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS), to obtain a Modification to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 733. The proposed Modification if approved, would permit the following: 1. An increase of the processing capacity of the existing Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS) facility from the current 1,500 tons per day (TPD) to 2,500 TPD; 2. The addition of organic waste processing equipment in Building “B” to accommodate new equipment that would be required to process and recycle organic waste pursuant to SB 1383; 3. A revision of the facility’s hours of operation; and 4. A revision of the parking layout to decrease parking from 104 to 54 spaces. The facility is currently open to the public from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday with operations within the facility conducted from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. Under the CUP amendment, the facility would be open to public from 5:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Sunday with operations in the facility conducted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION:**

Industrial development abuts the site on the east, south, and north sides. A railroad ROW extends along the site’s northern side and industrial uses are located adjacent to the project site on the south and east sides. Norwalk Boulevard extends along the site’s west side. Industrial uses are located further west, along the west side of Norwalk Boulevard. Smaller commercial and industrial uses are located northwest of the project site, along both sides of Norwalk Boulevard. The CUP Amendment will not involve the permanent closure of any existing roadways or otherwise result in the division of an established residential neighborhood. Surrounding land uses in the vicinity of the project site are listed below:

- *North of the UWS Site.* A railroad right-of-way (ROW) extends along the site’s northern side. Smaller commercial and industrial uses are located northwest of the project site, along both sides of Norwalk Boulevard. Residential neighborhoods are located approximately 400 feet northwest (north of Perkins

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Avenue) and 600 feet to the north (north of Burke Street).

- *South of the UWS Site.* Industrial uses such as Fasone Construction, Cosmic Express Corp, and Tri-Link Foreign Trade Zone are located to the south of the project site,
- *East of the UWS Site.* Industrial uses such as Composites One, HVAC DC Inverter Mini Split Systems by CoolAir, and Proactive Logistics are located to the west of the project site.
- *West of the UWS Site.* Norwalk Boulevard extends along the site's west side. Industrial commercial use, Electric Sales Unlimited, is located to the west of the project site with industrial uses located further west.¹

FINDINGS:

The environmental analysis provided in the attached Initial Study indicates that the proposed project will not result in any significant impacts. For this reason, the City of Santa Fe Springs determined that a *Mitigated Negative Declaration* is the appropriate CEQA document for the proposed project. The following findings may be made based on the analysis contained in the attached Initial Study:

- The proposed project *will not* have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- The proposed project *will not* have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
- The proposed project *will not* have environmental effects which will cause substantially adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The environmental analysis prepared for the proposed project is provided in the attached Initial Study. The project is also described in greater detail in the attached Initial Study.

¹ Google Maps. Website Accessed September 2, 2022.

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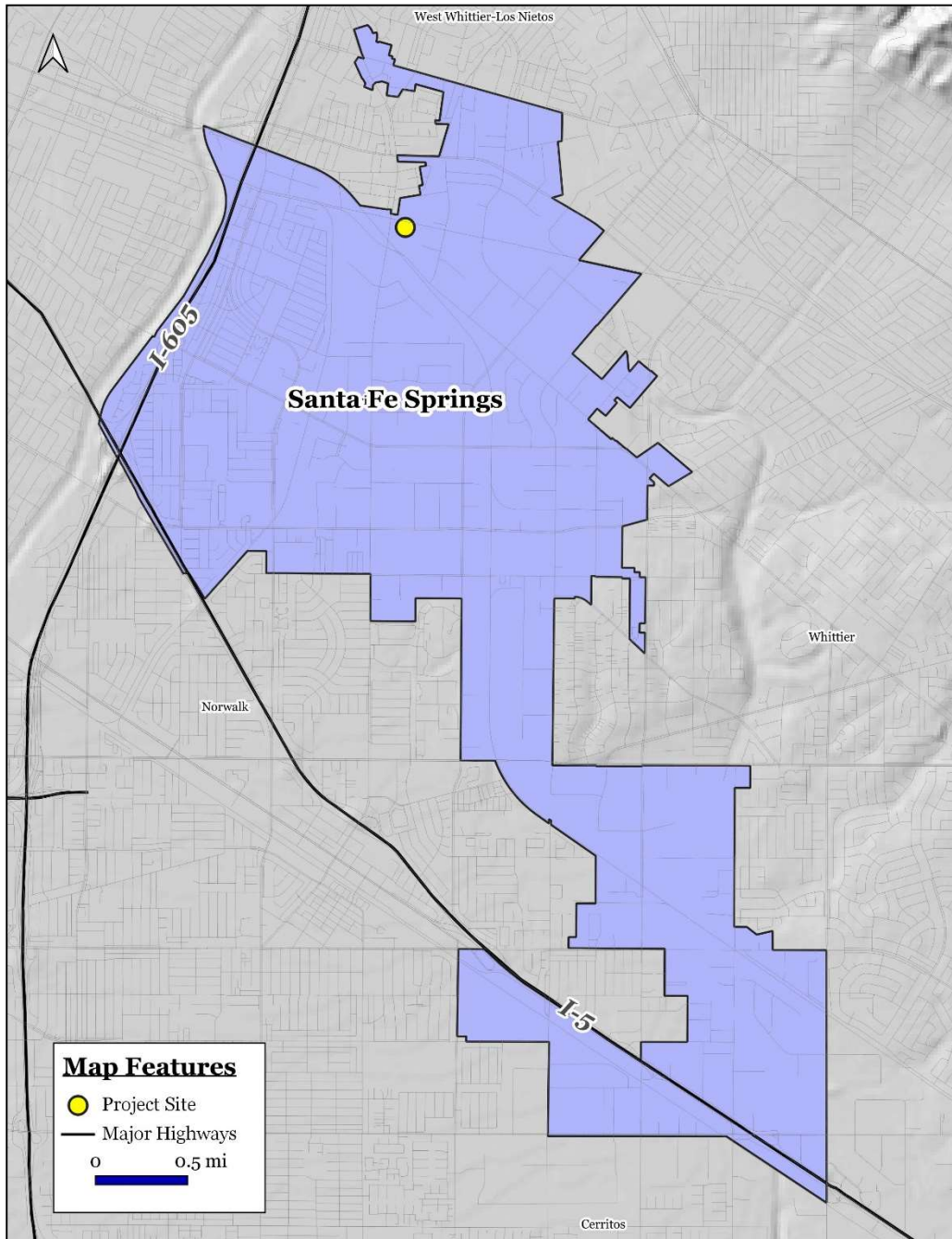


FIGURE 1. CITYWIDE MAP

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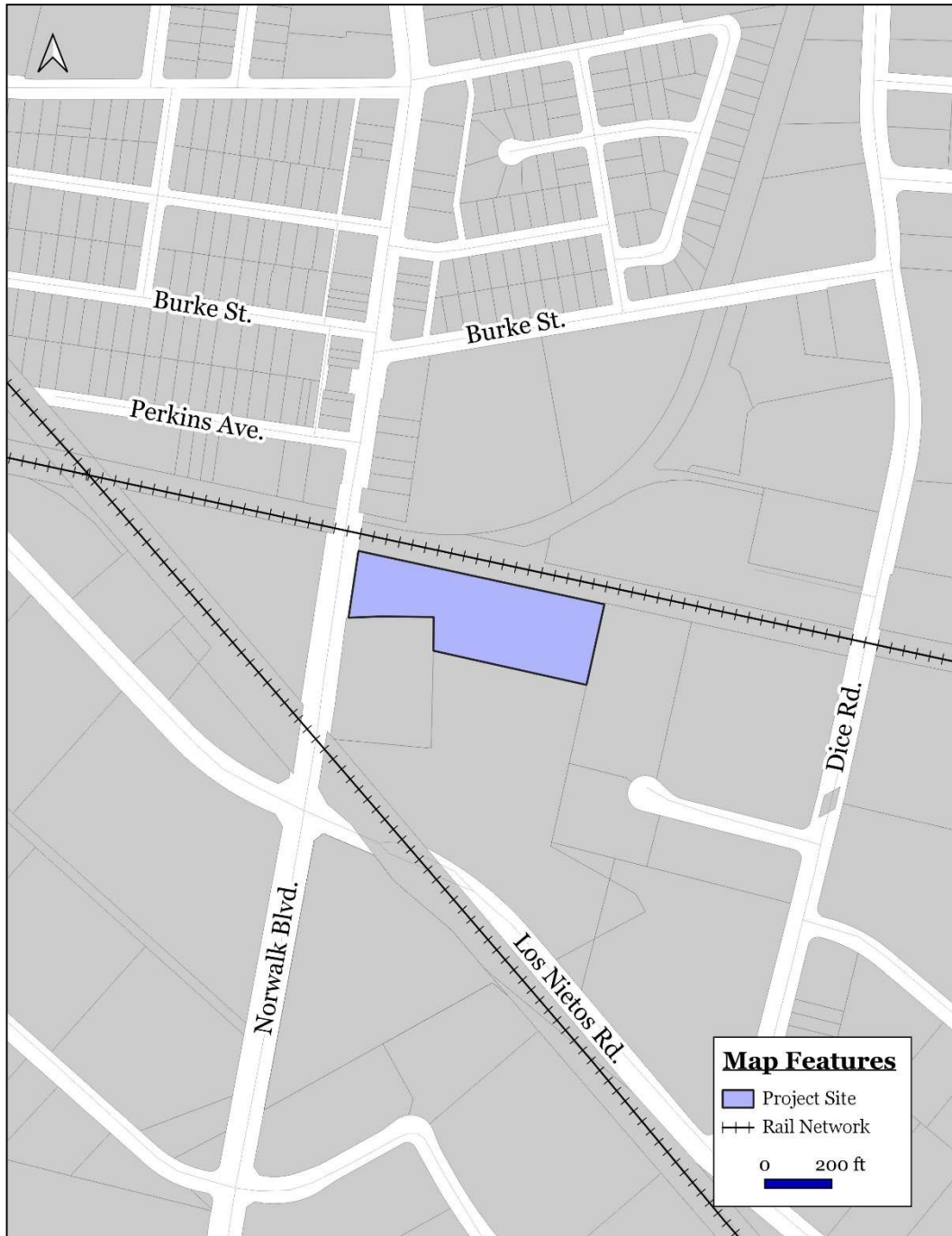


FIGURE 2. VICINITY MAP