

CITY OF PASADENA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GLENARM BESS PROJECT

Property Information

Applicant: City of Pasadena Water and Power Department
Project Site Address: 72 East Glenarm Street (southwest corner of Arroyo Parkway)
Zoning District: SFO-IF HL-56 (South Oaks Specific Plan, Industrial Flex) General Plan
Designation: R&D Flex Space (0.0-1.25 FAR)

Project Description: The City of Pasadena Water and Power proposes to install a 25-megawatt (MW) utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on an approximately 0.59-acre site, within PWP's existing Glenarm Power Plant, located at 72 East Glenarm Street in the City of Pasadena, California. The proposed Project would charge and store electricity, with a minimum storage capability of four hours. Design, construction, and maintenance of the BESS Project must adhere to all applicable local, State, and federal regulations and protocols.

A private entity would be selected to develop and maintain the BESS and sell the associated capacity and operational attributes to Pasadena under an Energy Storage Agreement (ESA). The ESA would include an option for Pasadena to purchase the BESS at the Commissioned Operating Date (COD), the second year after COD, or the fifth year after COD and any succeeding years.

Lead Agency Approvals Needed: Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will occur in conjunction with a Hearing Officer public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit that is required for the project. The hearing date, time, and location will be scheduled after the conclusion of the public review period.

Environmental Determination: An initial environmental study recommending a Negative Declaration with mitigation measures (Mitigated Negative Declaration) has been prepared. Possible impacts identified in the Initial Study include those related to Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Tribal Cultural Resources. With implementation of mitigation measures, all potential impacts would be less than significant.

Hazardous Materials: The Broadway and Glenarm Power Plant (72 East Glenarm Street) are located on the EnviroStor, leaking underground storage tank (LUST), voluntary cleanup program (VCP), Cortese, Hist Cortese, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS), and California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) databases. The status is "Completed – Case Closed" and "NPDES terminated."

Public Review Period: Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be received in writing from January 6, 2025, through February 4, 2025; and orally at future public hearing(s) considering these documents. Please submit comments in writing by 5:00 PM on February 4, 2025, to the attention of Bob Botkin, P.E., CEM, Principal Engineer, Broadway Power Plant, 85 East State Street, Pasadena, California, 91105; or via email to rbotkin@cityofpasadena.net. If you wish to challenge the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that your or someone else raised at any public hearing where these documents were considered.

Availability of Environmental Documentation: The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and technical reports can be viewed during regular business hours at the PWP office, 150 South Robles Avenue, Suite 200, Pasadena, California 91101 or online on the on Pasadena's environmental notices webpage at: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/environmental-notices/>.