



## City of Williams – Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the City of Williams has tentatively determined that the proposed Project described below will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment and that the City is prepared to issue a “Mitigated Negative Declaration” (MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

**Project Title:** Williams Electric Vehicle and Low Carbon Fuels Center Project

**Project Description:** The Project consists of a General Plan Amendment and Rezone of approximately 22.54 acres from Parks/Recreation/Open Space to Commercial, an electric vehicle charging (EVC) and low carbon fuels center (LCFC) on approximately 18 acres, and a new access road and right-of-way dedicated right-of-way to the City in fee title on an additional 2.53 acres. The project also includes Design Review and a possible Tentative Parcel Map. The total area of disturbance is approximately 21 acres. The Project consists of two main areas within the overall site:

- A 3.21-acre commercial and passenger vehicle area with a 15,000 square-foot (sf) commercial center/convenience store that includes the construction of a concrete tilt-up building providing convenience items, food, restrooms, and other amenities commonly found in travel centers.
- A 14.71-acre truck/travel trailer area with a 5,000-sf truck maintenance and scales building and a 2-lane truck wash of approximately 6,000 sf. A 75-foot tall, internally illuminated pole sign is also proposed on the south side of SR 20 within the truck area.

The project also includes a General Plan text amendment to amend maps in the Circulation Element to add signalization to an intersection and to add a portion of Virginia Street as a Truck Route; and a Zoning Text Amendment to add a portion of Virginia Street as a Truck route, add the Highway Overlay Zone to the property, and allow truck stops within the Highway Overlay Zone.

**Project Location:** The Project site is located in the northwestern area of the City of Williams incorporated area. The site is located immediately south of SR 20, approximately 1,500 feet west of I-5, immediately east of Virginia Street, and 100 to 500 feet north of North Street. Residential uses are located along North Street to the south and immediately east of the Project site along 7th Street. This tentative determination to find that the Project would not result in a significant adverse environmental effect is based on an initial study that assesses the Project's potential environmental impacts. The initial study concludes that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study. Anyone can review this study at Williams City Hall, P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987, during normal business hours, or by downloading from the City's web-link at:

[https://www.cityofwilliams.org/news/city\\_news.php](https://www.cityofwilliams.org/news/city_news.php)

The Final environmental determinations are made by the decision-making body for the project, which, in this case would be the City Council of the City of Williams. The public review period for this notice will remain open for a period of at least 30 days from the first publication of this Notice, beginning December 24, 2024, and ending January 23, 2025. For more information, please call (530) 235-3279 during normal business hours of City Hall. During this period written comments on the project and the proposed negative declaration may be submitted addressed to:

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