



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Soledad Recycled Water Conveyance Project**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Soledad (“City”), acting as the lead agency, has accepted, and coordinated the preparation of a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“Draft IS/MND”), pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15072, for the Soledad Recycled Water Conveyance Project.

Project Description: The Proposed Project consists of installing and operating infrastructure necessary to convey Title 22 recycled water from the City of Soledad’s Water Reclamation Facility (“WRF”) to up to 20 parks and schools throughout the City of Soledad. The Project includes the construction of a booster pump facility, distribution piping system, and appurtenances, new or converted irrigation systems, and cross-connection prevention assemblies, as well as construction management, environmental work, planning, and design. The expansion would replace a minimum of 165 acre-feet (54 million gallons) per year of groundwater pumping with recycled water to offset the use of potable water to irrigate sports fields and reduce groundwater use. Additional work on some of these park and school sites, consisting of installing irrigation meters, disconnecting the potable water system from the irrigation system, installing irrigation piping, and replacing sprinkler heads with Title 22 compliant purple colored recycled water sprinkler heads would be required to connect the existing sites’ water systems to the recycled water distribution system.

The City encourages the public to provide written comments on the environmental document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND will be accepted during a 30-day review period, from **January 23, 2025, to February 21, 2025, at 5:00 PM**. Address all written comments to: **Don Wilcox, Public Works Director/City Engineer, 248 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960**. E-mail comments may be addressed to: **dwilcox@cityofsoledad.gov**. Please provide comments prior to the close of the public review period, by 5 PM on **February 21, 2025**.

Document availability: The Draft IS/MND is available for review online at <https://www.cityofsoledad.com/> and at the City’s Public Works Department (at 248 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960) during operating hours of the City.

For questions on the project, please contact: Don Wilcox, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Soledad (831) 223-5124.