



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CEQA ADDENDUM

May 13, 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Redwood City Recycled Water Project is available for public review. **Written comments on the Addendum must be submitted to the Public Works Services Department by June 9, 2003.** Additionally, a **City Council study session will be held on June 9, 2003, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, California, at which time and place all interested persons shall have the opportunity to present their comments on the Addendum and the proposed project to the City Council.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The Redwood City Recycled Water Project consists of infrastructure facilities to deliver recycled water from the South Bayside System Authority (SBSA) wastewater treatment plant to customers in Redwood Shores, the greater Bayfront area, and Central Redwood City area of Redwood City. The project is a continuation of the "First Step Recycled Water Project," a pilot recycled water program initiated in Spring 2000 by the City and SBSA. The First Step Project currently delivers recycled water to landscape irrigation customers at the eastern end of the Redwood Shores peninsula. SBSA's recycled water meets Title 22 environmental health requirements established by the California Department of Health Services.

The environmental review process for the Recycled Water Project was conducted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in 2002. In accordance with State CEQA guidelines, an Initial Study was prepared to examine the potential environmental effects of the project; the Initial Study concluded that the project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, with implementation of required mitigation measures. The Planning Commission of the City of Redwood City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Redwood City Recycled Water Project on August 6, 2002.

Subsequent to adoption of the MND, a greater interest in the project emerged from citizens of Redwood Shores and other members of the public. In response to this interest, the City Council held a public information forum on the project on September 16, 2002, and public interest has continued to remain high. To address issues raised by the public about the recycled water project, the City has gathered research on and prepared several technical reports on these issues. The City has determined that these technical reports and other materials are appropriate to include in the CEQA documentation for the project. Therefore, since the MND has already been adopted by the Planning Commission, the City has directed the issuance of an Addendum to the MND for the purpose of including this supplemental documentation in the CEQA record. The Addendum has been prepared in accordance with Sections 15164 and 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

This notice is being published to inform interested parties of the City's issuance of the Addendum to the MND, and to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the document. **Written comments on the Addendum must be submitted to the Public Works Services Department, at the address below, not later than June 9, 2003.** The decision to move forward with the Project is the responsibility of the City Council. The Council will consider project approval after it has reviewed the Addendum and any comments received within the comment period.

The Addendum to the MND is available for review at the Redwood City Planning Department (1017 Middlefield Road), the Redwood City Public Works Services Department (1400 Broadway), the South Bayside System Authority (1400 Radio Road), and the Sandpiper Community Center (797 Redwood Shores Parkway). The full document will also be available on the city's website at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/water/index.html>.

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