

# Section 1 – Addendum Circulation and CEQA Requirements

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An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the Redwood City Recycled Water Project. The Redwood City Planning Commission adopted the MND at its noticed public hearing 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. To address issues raised by the public about the recycled water project, the City prepared an Addendum to the MND in accordance with Sections 15164 and 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The purpose of the Addendum is to append supplemental technical information about the project and issues raised to the CEQA documentation prior to City Council action on the project.

Although circulation for public review of an Addendum is not required under CEQA, the City determined that it would be beneficial to the public discourse and understanding of the project to provide the Addendum to the citizens of Redwood City and the general public. Therefore, the Addendum was circulated for a 28-day public review period (May 13 through June 9, 2003). In addition, the City Council conducted a study session on the Addendum on June 9, 2003.

The City solicited and received both written and oral comments on the Addendum. Although response to comments on an Addendum is not required under CEQA, the City has determined that response to some comments is warranted, specifically those which raised questions or concerns about the content of the Addendum or environmental issues related to the project. The approach to addressing these comments is described in the next section.