

CITY OF REDLANDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415 and Office of Planning & Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CALIFORNIA
2024 APR -2 PM 2:20
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: City of Redlands, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department
P.O. Box 3005, Redlands, CA 92373-1505

Subject: Filing of Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with
Public Resources Code Section 21092.3.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Project Title: Sunset Reservoir Project

Received on: 4/2/24
Remove on: 5/15/24

Veronica Medina, Associate Engineer
Lead Agency Contact Person

(909) 798-7584 x 6
Telephone Number

Project Location:

The approximately 22.05-acre Project site is located south of Helen Drive in the City of Redlands, California. The existing City reservoir is located west of Helen Court. The proposed tanks will be located east of the existing reservoir. Both the existing reservoir and the Project site are within City property. The City owns and manages the following parcels: APN 0300-451-13 (3.20 acres), APN 0300-451-14 (2.50 acres), APN 0300-451-24 (8.57 acres), APN 0300-451-25 (7.78 acres). The reservoir tanks will be located at parcel 0300-451-25, and 0300-451-14. Project site access would be via Helen Court along Helen drive. Helen Drive is located south of East Sunset Drive. East Sunset Drive becomes Alta Vista Drive to the east. Helen Court is a publicly accessed road. Interstate 10 (I-10) is located approximately 1 miles to the north.

Project Description:

The City of Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department proposes the construction of two new above ground factory-coated bolt carbon steel tanks with an approximately 14 MG total capacity on City property, adjacent to the existing reservoir. The Proposed Project will develop on parcels 0300-451-25 and 0300-451-14, which will cover approximately 46% of the total City-owned parcels. One driveway will connect the existing water tank and Helen Court. The driveway will be constructed utilizing asphalt/gravel. Two parking spaces will be installed for maintenance purposes. The site will remain unmanned. The existing water tank will continue to function while the new reservoir tanks are constructed and will cease operations once the new reservoir tanks are in operation. Maintenance will occur on a monthly and as-needed basis by City employees. Landscaping will be maintained by the City.

Construction of the Proposed Project will require multiple workers using equipment such as loaders, pick-up trucks, backhoe, water truck for dust suppression, crane, asphalt paver, and excavators. Project materials will be staged within the existing vacant parcels currently managed by the City. Construction of the Proposed Project include, but are not limited to excavation and grading to construct water tank pads and internal driveways, construction of two new above ground factory-coated bolt carbon steel tank with an approximately 14 MG total capacity and ancillary facilities such as a pump station and valve vaults. A retaining wall with chain link fence will be installed to surround the reservoir. Architectural coatings will be added for the tanks to blend with the existing environment.

Public Review Process:

This is to advise that the City of Redlands has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the proposed Project. The City of Redlands Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a future noticed public meeting (date to be determined) to discuss and make a recommendation to the City Council on the above-referenced project. After public review, the City may adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

The Initial Study, project plans, and related documents are available for review at the City's office located at 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, CA 92373 or online on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/environmental-documents>.

A Planning Commission public hearing for this project has not yet been scheduled. Please contact the staff member below for further information about project status or a hearing date.

How to Submit Comments:

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days from April 2, 2024, to May 1, 2024. Any comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 1, 2024, to the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department.

Written comments should be submitted via e-mail to: vmedina@cityofredlands.org

Written comments may be mailed to:

City of Redlands, Municipal Utilities and
Engineering Department
Attn: Veronica Medina, Associate Engineer
P.O. Box 3005
Redlands, CA 92373-1505

Written comments may be submitted via facsimile to: (909) 792 – 8715

**Deadline to submit public comments:
May 1, 2024, by 5:30 p.m.**

Veronica Medina
Signature

Veronica Medina
Name

Associate Engineer
Title

CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CALIFORNIA
2024 APR -2 PM 2:23