



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Benicia proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project:

**Project:** Valero Crude by Rail

**Location:** 3400 East Second Street, Benicia, CA 94510

**Lead Agency:** City of Benicia

**Description:** The proposed Valero Crude by Rail Project would allow the Valero Benicia Refinery (Refinery) access to additional North American-sourced crude oil for delivery to the Refinery by railroad. The proposed Project would involve the installation and modification of Refinery non-process equipment that would allow the Refinery to receive a portion of its crude oil deliveries by railcar replacing equal quantities of crude currently being delivered to the Refinery by marine vessel. Valero intends to replace up to 70,000 barrels per day of the crude oil currently supplied to the Refinery by marine vessel with an equivalent amount of crude oil transported by railcars. The crude oil to be transported by railcars is expected to be of similar quality compared to existing crude oil imported by marine vessels. Crude delivered by rail would not displace crude delivered to the Refinery by pipeline.

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the *Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970*, as amended to date, this is to advise you that the City of Benicia has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Valero Crude by Rail Project. The proposed Project as mitigated would not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Comment Period:** The comment period begins Friday, May 31, 2013. Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2013.

**Scheduled Public Hearing:** The Planning Commission will consider the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration before making its recommendation to approve the Use Permit and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM inside Council Chambers located at 250 East L Street in Benicia.

**Direct comments to:** City of Benicia Community Development Department  
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**Project Application Review:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project is available for review at the Community Development Department located at 250 East L Street and at the Benicia Public Library located at 150 East L Street. Electronic copies are available on the City's website, [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us). The Community Development Department is open Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), 8:30 AM – Noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Technical staff is available from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM and from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. The phone number for the Planning Division is (707) 746-4280.