



**NOTICE OF INTENT/AVAILABILITY
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
CITY OF BENICIA
BENICIA WATER REUSE PROJECT**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Benicia (City) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on its Benicia Water Reuse Project (proposed project), and has concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The IS/MND is now available for a 30-day public review period. The IS/MND is available on the City website at:

http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/index.asp?SEC=C3FFA6AD-0946-43A8-981A-ED1DC0107806&DE=A5B70EDA-D6C7-4E45-99CD-41904736BEB3&Type=B_BASIC

Alternatively, contact Mr. Graham Wadsworth, Director of Public Works at 707-746-4240 to obtain a copy of the IS/MND.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City is proposing to implement the Benicia Water Reuse Project, which would consist of producing and delivering approximately 2 million gallons per day (2,240 acre-feet per year) of recycled water to the Valero Benicia Refinery and other City customers for non-potable uses. The proposed project would consist of upgrades at the City of Benicia's existing wastewater treatment plant, approximately 16,300 linear feet of pipeline, and a storage tank with a capacity of up to 2 million gallons.

30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW

The Draft IS/MND will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on September 16, 2016. As part of the public review process, the City would like to know the views of you and/or your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your interests or your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. If you are representing an agency, your agency may need to use the IS/MND when considering granting a permit or other approval of the Project. Whether you are a public agency, stakeholder, and/or interested member of the general public, you are encouraged to participate in the environmental process by providing written comments. **Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your written comments need to be received by October 17, 2016.** Please send your written comments to:

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The City will consider any and all comments it receives during this 30-day public review process and plans to consider approving the Proposed Project at a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. These meetings are open to the public.