



CITY OF NEWMAN

Notice of Intent to Issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Newman has undertaken environmental review for the following proposed project and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The City of Newman invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Project Name: Newman 2030 General Plan Housing Element (2016 Update)

Project Location: Newman, California (Citywide)

Project Applicant: City of Newman

Project Description:

The proposed project is the 2016 update of the Newman 2030 General Plan Housing Element. The updated Housing Element reports updated information on population and housing, housing conditions, StanCOG's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, housing market conditions, and vacant and available sites. The updated Housing Element also contains revised policies and programs, including a program calling for the annexation of the Northwest Newman Master Plan Area, which was envisioned earlier as part of the *Newman 2030 General Plan* adopted in 2007.

Significant Effects on the Environment:

The Initial Study prepared in support of the adoption of the Newman 2030 General Plan Housing Element (2016 Update) identified two impacts that could result from the updated Housing Element:

1. Generation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that may have significant impacts on the environment, and
2. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions.

The following mitigation measure will be incorporated into the project design or as conditions of approval, to ensure that the potential environmental impacts identified above will not be significant:

Mitigation Measure #1: The City of Newman will require project developers to prepare GHG emission reduction measures to be included the Northwest Newman Master Plan Area. The emission reduction measures shall be designed to meet or exceed San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (SJVAPCD) emission reduction goals and include a monitoring and reporting program to ensure that goals are met.

Documents Referred to in Initial Study:

Newman 2030 General Plan Draft EIR;" Newman 2030 General Plan Draft Housing Element (2016)

The City of Newman has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, with, mitigation measures as conditions of project approval, will not have a significant effect on the environment. An Environmental Impact Report is not required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. This environmental review process and Mitigated Negative Declaration is done in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the local City of Newman procedures.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration document may be reviewed or obtained at:

City of Newman
Planning Department
938 Fresno Street, 2nd Floor
Newman, CA 95360

A Public Hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Newman City Council on April 26, 2016 at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Newman City Council Chambers located at 938 Fresno Street, 2nd Floor, Newman, CA 95360.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stephanie Ocasio, City Planner, no later than April 20, 2016.

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