

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Mitigated Negative Declaration for Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline
DATE: November 18, 2008

Needs: For the City Council to consider approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline.

Facts:

1. At its meeting of October 7, 2008, the City Council opened and continued a public hearing on a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline.
2. Shortly prior to that meeting, the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) submitted a letter recommending that additional evaluation of air quality and greenhouse gas impacts be pursued.
3. To accommodate APCD's recommendation, the Council continued the open public hearing to its meeting of November 18, 2008.
4. The recommended evaluation of greenhouse gas impacts is taking a little bit longer than originally estimated.

Analysis and Conclusion: To provide sufficient time to evaluate the greenhouse gas impacts, and ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a further continuance of the matter to the Council's meeting of December 16 is suggested. Prior to continuing the open public hearing to that date, the public should be allowed to add any comments on the matter at the Council's November 18 meeting.

Options: Upon receipt of public comments, take one of the following actions:

- a. Continue the public hearing for the project to December 16, 2008.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the foregoing option.