


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: December 16, 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. At its meeting of November 18, the evaluation of greenhouse gas impacts was not complete, and the Council continued the open public hearing to December 16.
5. As of early December, the evaluation of greenhouse gas impacts is nearly complete, but a little more time is needed to revise the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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 January 20, 2009 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 December 16 meeting.

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

- a. Continue the public hearing for the project to January 20, 2009.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the foregoing option.