



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, as amended to date, this notice is to advise you that the City of Palo Alto has prepared an Initial Study on the following project to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below. The Initial Study concludes that the project described below would not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, the City proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the City's intent to adopt a ND for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft ND/Initial Study.

**TO: AGENCIES,  
ORGANIZATION, +  
INTERESTED PARTIES**

The City of Palo Alto requests comments and concerns from agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

**PROJECT TITLE**

Palo Alto Solid Waste Processing Contract

**PROJECT APPLICANT**

City of Palo Alto, Environmental Services Division

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The location of existing and proposed facilities for Palo Alto's municipal solid waste processing and landfilling are as follows:

Existing:

- SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94089
- Kirby Canyon Recycling and Disposal Facility, 901 Coyote Creek Golf Course Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Proposed:

- GreenWaste Materials Recovery Facility, 625 Charles Street, San Jose, CA 95112
  - Newby Island Landfill, 1601 Dixon Landing Road, Milpitas, CA 94583
  - Monterey Peninsula Landfill, 14201 Del Monte Boulevard, Marina, CA 94538
  - Zanker Material Processing Facility, 675 Los Esteros Road, San Jose, CA 95134
  - Shoreway Environmental Center, 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos, CA
  - Newby Island Resource Recovery Park, 1601 Dixon Landing Road, Milpitas, CA 94538
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Each of these facilities is permitted and regulated by the California Department of Resources and Recycling (CalRecycle) to accept the type of material that is currently, or proposed to be accepted, and has adequate capacity to accommodate the materials.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project is for a new service contract that addresses the processing of residential and commercial solid waste collected within the City. The project will increase the City’s diversion rate for materials placed in the black solid waste containers from 29.68% to 70.45% and result in an additional 7,868 tons/per year of diversion.

The project will change where the waste is processed as well as the final landfill location for any residuals. No changes to the collection of materials within the City are proposed as part of the project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The comment period begins on Friday, February 05, 2021 and ends on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration may be reviewed online at:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=5104>

During the Shelter in Place order from the Governor, documents and staff will not be available to review or guide members of the public through the document in person at City Hall or the Development Center. If additional assistance is needed, or a physical copy is requested, contact the project manager, Paula Borges, at [paula.borges@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:paula.borges@cityofpaloalto.org) or by phone at (650) 496-5914.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Following the completion of the circulation period and publication of a Final ND, the City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider the project as part of its regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, 2021. The meeting agenda will be

posted to the City Council’s website 10 days in advance of the public hearing. Interested parties should check the City Council agenda on the City’s website to confirm the meeting time, date, and location:

[https://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/cou/council\\_agendas.asp](https://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/cou/council_agendas.asp)

**COMMENTS**

Please send comments by mail or email, before 5:00 PM on February 25, 2021, to:

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Municipal Service Center, Bldg C  
3201 E Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303  
[Paula.Borges@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Paula.Borges@cityofpaloalto.org)

If you require additional project information, please contact Paula Borges at (650) 496-5914.

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*Signature (Public Agency)*

*Title*

*Date*