



May 12, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Soledad has prepared a Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for the City of Soledad Draft 2009 Housing Element. The proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at the City of Soledad Community Development Department located at the Soledad City Hall, 248 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960. The draft 2009 Housing Element and environmental documents can also be downloaded from the City of Soledad's website at: www.cityofsoledad.com.

In accordance with time limits mandated by State law, written comments on this Negative Declaration and Initial Study will be accepted from:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – Thursday, June 11, 2009

Project Description:

The City of Soledad is updating its Housing Element of the City's General Plan. The 2009 Housing Element will serve as the City's guiding policy document over its five-year time frame; it provides for the City of Soledad's identified housing needs and facilitates additional housing opportunities for all of the City's economic sectors, with an emphasis on addressing the housing needs of lower income households. The policy approach taken by the 2009 Housing Element update is similar to the existing 2003 Housing Element: both call for and facilitate the development of multi-family housing, the development of units adequate for larger families and single-room units for migrant farm workers, coordination between City and affordable housing developers, the rehabilitation of older housing, the conservation of existing affordable housing and the integration of affordable housing in developing specific plan areas identified by the General Plan. The Housing Element contains goals, policies, programs, and objectives that are intended to:

- promote and encourage equal housing opportunities for all persons,
- ensure adequate sites available for new construction,
- identify and remove development constraints,
- ensure the maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's existing housing stock,
- ensure the needs of persons with special housing needs are met, and
- promote the improvement of energy efficiency of new and existing housing.

Potential environmental impacts were analyzed as a part of the Negative Declaration and Initial Study. The Initial Study found that the proposed project would have **less than significant impacts** to the following environmental factors: Aesthetics, Agriculture Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic and Utilities/Service Systems. The Initial Study found that the proposed project could have no impacts to Mineral Resources.



For Additional Information, Contact:

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Public Hearing Dates:

Planning Commission:

Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 5 p.m.

Public meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at Soledad City Hall, 248 Main St., Soledad, CA.

City Council:

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

For Reviewing Agencies:

The City of Soledad requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments.

- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: _____

Return to: Susan Hilinski, Senior Planner
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 City of Soledad
 248 Main Street
 Soledad, CA 93960

From: Agency Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

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