

Notice of Intent to Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration

City of Coalinga

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21092, this is to advise you that the City of Coalinga has prepared an Initial Study of environmental impacts for the following project:

Project Title: City of Coalinga 2015-2023 Housing Element Update

Project Description: The project is the adoption and implementation of the Coalinga General Plan 2015-2023 Housing Element. The Housing Element is one of seven required elements of the General Plan. It addresses existing and future housing needs of persons of all economic segment groups, and serves as a tool for decision-makers and the public in understanding and meeting housing needs in Coalinga. While the law does not require local governments to construct housing to meet identified needs, it does require that the community address housing needs in its discretionary planning actions by creating opportunities for housing in the land use plan and facilitating housing development through policy.

Project Location: The City of Coalinga is situated in Pleasant Valley at the base of the coast mountain range on the western side of California's Central Valley within Fresno County. Interstate 5 runs north to south approximately ten miles east of the city.

Environmental Determination: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the City has determined that the Coalinga General Plan 2015-2023 Housing Element Update will not result in significant impacts to the environment with incorporation of regulatory requirements and potentially mitigation measures. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to Section 21080(c) of the Public Resources Code.

None of the properties identified as locations for future housing in the Housing Element are included on the list of hazardous materials facilities, hazardous waste properties, or hazardous waste disposal sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Cortese List).

Public Review/Public Comment Period: Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at City of Coalinga, Community Development Department, 155 West Durian Street, Coalinga, California 93210.

A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on December 18, 2015 and ends January 19, 2016. If you would like to comment, please send written comments to:

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155 West Durian Street
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Public Hearing: The City of Coalinga Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration and proposed project at its regular Planning Commission meeting on **January 26, 2016** at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall at 155 West Durian Street, Coalinga, California.