

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Lead Agency:

Consulting Firm:

Agency Name: City of Solvang
Street Address: 1644 Oak Street
City/State/Zip: Solvang, CA 93463
Contact: Brad Vidro, City Manager

Firm Name: URS Corporation
Street Address: 130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100
City/State/Zip: Santa Barbara, CA 93117
Contact: Jay Saberon

CITY OF SOLVANG will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study is also attached.

Public Review Period: January 6, 2011 through February 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Brad Vidro, City Manager at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: City of Solvang Water System Master Plan Update

Project Location: City of Solvang Santa Barbara
City (nearest) County

Project Description: (brief)

The proposed project is intended to update the Water System Master Plan for the City of Solvang. The Water Systems Master Plan Update indicates that the City has a reliable supply of water from a variety of sources that will be adequate for the City's General Plan full build-out conditions. The proposed project includes construction of additional wells to extract from the Santa Ynez River underflow at the permitted rate the City is allocated under State Water Resources Board Permit No. 15878 and to make the river wells the first priority water source for the City. The proposed project would also include an extension of time under the City's permit from the State Water Board, which is required to fully utilize the planned river wells. An expansion of the place of diversion will also be required from the State Water Board to install some of the proposed wells downstream from the Alisal Bridge. The update would also include utilization of existing City water sources from the State Water Project (SWP), Improvement District No. 1, existing Santa Ynez River wells, and upland wells. The Water Systems Master Plan Update will also include installation of new facilities that will be needed over the next 10 years to ensure redundancy in the system for reliability and improve water distribution throughout the City. The facilities include miscellaneous water piping system improvements, facilities and a plan to monitor the fluctuation of reservoir levels, roof replacement for reservoir #1, SCADA system upgrade, water treatment facility, an operational storage tank to be constructed on site, and booster pump station and water storage tank in Zone 2.

Public Scoping Meeting:

A public scoping meeting will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 19th, 2011, at the City of Solvang City Hall, located at 1644 Oak Street. All parties are welcome to attend and present environmental information that they believe should be addressed in the EIR.

Date: January 4, 2011



Signature

Name: Mr. Brad Vidro

Title: City Manager

Telephone: (805) 688-5575



NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that comments from the public and agencies will be taken at a scoping meeting to begin at 3:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, as the matter may be heard on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**, at the City of Solvang City Hall, located at 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California 93463, to consider the following:

1. **ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED:** Scoping meeting to discuss the content of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed *Solvang Water System Master Plan Update*.
2. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is intended to update the Water System Master Plan for the City of Solvang. The Water Systems Master Plan Update indicates that the City has a reliable supply of water from a variety of sources that will be adequate for the City's General Plan full build-out conditions. The proposed project includes construction of additional wells to extract from the Santa Ynez River underflow at the permitted rate the City is allocated under State Water Resources Board Permit No. 15878 and to make the river wells the first priority water source for the City. The proposed project would also include an extension of time under the City's permit from the State Water Board, which is required to fully utilize the planned river wells. An expansion of the place of diversion will also be required from the State Water Board to install some of the proposed wells downstream from the Alisal Bridge. The update would also include utilization of existing City water sources from the State Water Project (SWP), Improvement District No. 1, existing Santa Ynez River wells, and upland wells. The Water Systems Master Plan Update will also include installation of new facilities that will be needed over the next 10 years to ensure redundancy in the system for reliability and improve water distribution throughout the City. The facilities include miscellaneous water piping system improvements, facilities and a plan to monitor the fluctuation of reservoir levels, roof replacement for reservoir #1, SCADA system upgrade, water treatment facility, an operational storage tank to be constructed on site, and booster pump station and water storage tank in Zone 2.
3. **PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Solvang
Public Works Department
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463
4. **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:** Interested persons and agencies are invited to submit comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be addressed in the EIR. Written comments should be submitted in writing to **Mr. Brad Vidro, City Manager**, no later than **FEBRUARY 6, 2011** (contact information provided below). Comments may be submitted at the scoping meeting to be held on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**. All comments will be included in the final administrative record. *(In the future, you will be sent additional notices for public hearings regarding this project.)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION or questions regarding the proposed Project should be directed to **Mr. Brad Vidro, City Manager** at (805) 688-5575 or Bradv@cityofsolvang.com.

DATED: December 29, 2010

POSTED: January 6, 2011


Brad Vidro, City Manager

INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE

LEAD AGENCY:



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