



GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN  
INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
SOLIDS HANDLING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, Goleta Sanitary District Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of a proposed solids handling improvement project at the Water Resource Recovery Facility located in Goleta, California.

**Project Title:**               **Solids Handling Improvement Project**

**Project Location:**       One William Moffett Place, Goleta, CA 93117

**Project Description:**   The primary components of the proposed Project consist of:

- A thermal dryer, which will heat dewatered sludge to transform it into Class A biosolids;
- A thermal heater system, which will use natural gas to provide heat to operate the thermal dryer, with the option to convert to using biogas produced by the digesters in the future, when gas production increases;
- Loadout facilities, intended to load the Class A biosolids into trucks for removal from the site;
- A pump for the fire suppression system at the new buildings in case of emergency outage.

The proposed project will require that an Authority to Construct permit from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and a Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit from the Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department be obtained to construct and operate the proposed project components.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

**Goleta Sanitary District  
One William Moffett Place  
Goleta, CA 93117**

Electronic copies of the document can be reviewed on or downloaded from the District's website at [www.goletasanitary.org](http://www.goletasanitary.org). The comment period on the IS/MND begins on October 10, 2025, and closes on November 10, 2025, at 4:30 PM. A public hearing to accept comments on the document is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Goleta Sanitary District office at the below listed address. Please submit questions or comments to Steve Wagner <[swagner@goletasanitary.org](mailto:swagner@goletasanitary.org)> or to:

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