



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Date:** March 18, 2015  
**Project Name:** Galt Firing Range

Notice is hereby given that the City of Galt has prepared a Recirculated Initial Study and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City's Firing Range project.

**Project Description:** The proposed project site is located on approximately 13.41 acres of a 298-acre City-owned wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) property located north of Twin Cities Road and west of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in the City of Galt, California. The majority of the project site is currently planted with corn, with the exception of the northwestern and northeastern corners, which consist of grassland. Directly south of the project site is irrigated pasture and to the west is non-irrigated pasture. East of the project site is more irrigated pasture, as well as holding ponds associated with the WWTP. The diverted/redirected channel for Skunk Creek (not related to WWTP operations) is north, along with 70 acres of open fields that the City owns and is utilizing as a mitigation bank for Swainson's hawk habitat. Two gravel roadways currently provide access to the project site.

The design of the City's proposed firing range project is versatile and useable for a number of federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. The facility would not be open to the general public. At full buildout, the proposed project is anticipated to include the following:

- Three 100 feet x 300 feet Ranges;
- Two 100 feet x 100 feet Ranges;
- One Multi-Use Range (hexagonal shape);
- Access Road and Parking Lot (all-weather surface);
- Bus turn-outs on access road;
- Grading and drainage to accommodate all phases;
- Sanitary sewer connection;
- Potable water connection;
- Lighting and security fencing;
- Security gates and signage;
- Restroom facility;
- Storage building; and
- Training building.

**Public Review Period:** Since the circulation of the original Galt Firing Range Initial Study, from June 23, 2014 to July 22, 2014, the City has determined that utilization of soils from an adjacent agricultural field, for purposes of constructing the firing range berms, would be the most cost-effective approach to berm construction, thereby ensuring project feasibility from a cost standpoint. The City has revised the IS/MND, as appropriate, to address temporary disturbance of the adjacent field to the south of the project site, and has elected to recirculate the IS/MND for public review. It is important to note, however, that the City has decided to recirculate the IS/MND for disclosure purposes, not because it is required to do so in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5 (Recirculation of a Negative Declaration Prior to Adoption), as none of the conditions for recirculation are met.

Notice is hereby given that a Recirculated IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City, as lead agency, has elected to provide a 30-day public review period for the Recirculated IS/MND beginning on Sunday, March 22, 2015 and ending on Monday, April 19, 2015. The Recirculated IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review at the Galt Planning Department and City Clerk's Office, located at 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA; and the Library, located at 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt, CA.

Written comments on the Recirculated IS/MND will be accepted during the 30-day public review period commencing **March 22, 2015 and ending April 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM.** Written comments should be directed to:

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