

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

This document is a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15000 et seq for the Biogas Renewable Generation Project (Proposed Project).

Under California law, each public agency must adopt local implementation guidelines to establish objectives, criteria, and specific procedures for administering its responsibilities under CEQA and CEQA Guidelines. This IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to the City of Glendale's adopted Procedures for Preparation and Processing of Environmental Documents (Glendale CEQA Guideline, 2016). The City of Glendale is the CEQA lead agency for all projects implemented within the City limits.

An Initial Study is prepared by a lead agency to determine if a project may have a significant effect on the environment. The determination may be based on City regulations, practices, standards or thresholds, and policies in place. If the IS shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant environmental effect, a Negative Declaration shall be prepared. If the project would cause significant environmental effects, but mitigation measures are available to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) shall be prepared. If the IS shows that the project would cause significant environmental effects that cannot be reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. The Director of Planning reports to the lead agency's decision-making bodies for determining the significance level of environmental impacts and what environmental document is required for a project under CEQA.

The purpose of the Project is to beneficially utilize the methane-rich renewable landfill gas (LFG) as fuel to generate electricity on-site at the source of the LFG instead of transferring it off-site to the Grayson Power Plant.

The Biogas Renewable Generation Project has the following objectives:

- Provide beneficial use of naturally occurring LFG as fuel for power generating equipment;
- Utilize this renewable energy resource to help the City meet its California mandated Renewable Energy Portfolio;
- Use the existing transmission system to deliver generated electricity into the electrical grid without a need for transmission facility upgrades;

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- Build an on-site power plant utilizing LFG as fuel; and
- Abandon the existing pipeline between the landfill and Grayson Power Plant, which would in turn allow the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to make priority reserve offsets available and offsets would not have to be purchased on the open market.

1.2 PROJECT TITLE

Biogas Renewable Generation Project

1.3 PROPONENT

The City of Glendale (City) is the Proposed Project proponent.

1.4 LEAD AGENCY

The City of Glendale is the Lead Agency. The Project is located entirely within the City but is primarily accessed from Figueroa Street in the City of Los Angeles. The City has the authority for design review, issuance of a Conditional Use Permit and is funding the Proposed Project. For this reason, the City is the public agency in the position to act as lead agency for the Proposed Project (CEQA Guidelines §15051 (b)). Pursuant with the City of Glendale's adopted Procedures for Preparation and Processing Environmental Documents (Glendale CEQA Guideline, 2016), CEQA processing is the responsibility of the City Planning Division for all projects where the lead agency is the City of Glendale or Glendale Housing Authority.

1.5 INTENDED USES OF THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

This IS/MND is an informational document intended to inform the lead agency, other responsible or interested agencies, and the general-public of potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The environmental review process has been established to enable public agencies to evaluate potential environmental consequences and to examine and implement methods of eliminating or reducing any potentially significant adverse impacts. This document is intended to be used for the following activities and permits, as described in Table 1.5-1, below:

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Table 1.5-1 Agency Permits and Environmental Review Requirements

Agency	Permits and Other Approvals	Environmental Review/Consultation Requirements
FEDERAL		
United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 112) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with U.S. DOT regulations regarding transportation of hazardous substances on public highways (49 CFR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
STATE		
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviews Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration
California Occupational Safety and Health Association (CalOSHA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury and Illness Prevention Program (8 CCR 3203) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
California Natural Resource Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Bill 52 (Chapter 532, Statutes 2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
LOCAL		
City of Glendale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice of Completion Design Review Board Approval Conditional Use Permit Grading Permit Fire Department Permit Industrial Waste Permit Electrical Permit Building Permit Mechanical Permit Plumbing Permit Hazardous Materials Business Plan Provide notification of project to County of Los Angeles and County Sanitation District pursuant to the Scholl Canyon Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEQA lead agency responsible for processing and adopting the IS/MND.
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAQMD Regulation XXX: Title V Permits (Permit to Construct (PTC) and Permit to Operate (PTO)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible Agency
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible Agency
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California's General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan approval.

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration

Responsible agencies that may have discretionary approval authority over the Proposed Project, and trustee agencies having jurisdiction over natural resources affected by the Proposed Project which are held in trust for the people of the State of California, would have the opportunity to review and provide comments during the review period. Other agencies and the public may also provide comments.