



NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION EAST COUNTY BIOENERGY PROJECT - ORGANICS CO-DIGESTION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Delta Diablo (the District) has prepared an Initial Study (IS)/ CEQA Checklist for the above-referenced project. The Initial Study determined that the proposed Project, as amended by the included mitigation measures, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The Board of Directors for the District intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Project.

General Project Description: The Project involves construction of a new biorefinery at the Project Site, co-located with the District's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Antioch. The Project would convert food waste and wastewater sludge via an anaerobic digestion process into a range of bioproducts and biogas which can be used to generate renewable energy. The Project is expected to have considerable benefits including biopower generation, waste and wastewater management, generation of sale-able co-products, and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission sources. The Project would transform the District from a net-energy-consumer to a net-energy-producer capable of meeting all the WWTP energy needs with surplus available for export from the site for other uses. Exported energy could be in the form of electricity or biogas treated for local use, or as vehicle fuel.

Applicant: Delta Diablo

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amanda Roa (925) 756-1940.

Public Review: Beginning on October 20, 2017, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review at the District office located at 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway Antioch, CA 94509; and at the Antioch Public Library located at 501 West 18th Street, Antioch, CA 94509. The IS/MND will also be available in electronic format on the District's website: <http://www.deltadiablo.org>.

Public Comments: Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by November 20, 2017 and may be submitted via mail to Amanda Roa, Delta Diablo 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway Antioch, CA 94509; or via email to amandar@deltadiablo.org.

Board Meeting: The Board of Directors for the District will consider approval and adoption of the MND for the proposed Project on **Wednesday, December 13, 2017** at or after 4:30 p.m. at the District's Board Room at 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway Antioch, CA 94509, at which time any comments received during the public comment period will be considered.

Potential Project Impacts: The Proposed Project's potential adverse impacts related to air quality, cultural resources, traffic and noise will be mitigated to less than significant levels through implementation of the identified mitigation measures included in the MND.

Amanda Roa
Delta Diablo

October 18, 2017

Date