



Community Development Department
One North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, California 94022

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE:

Los Altos Climate Action Plan

PROJECT LOCATION:

Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed Climate Action Plan includes an inventory of existing GHG emissions for municipal operations and community-wide activities, a forecast of anticipated future emissions, a summary of recent state legislative actions and how they will reduce emissions in Los Altos, and an overview of existing City actions to reduce GHG emissions (e.g., Green Building Ordinance, Solid Waste Hauling Franchise Agreement, Bicycle Transportation Plan). The proposed CAP identifies GHG emissions reduction measures and actions to reduce emissions at least 15% below baseline 2005 levels by 2020. In addition, the proposed CAP provides performance metrics and tracking mechanisms to monitor future progress toward meeting the City's GHG reduction goals.

This Initial Study specifically evaluates the local measures proposed to reduce emissions in Los Altos consistent with AB 32 guidance. The proposed CAP addresses five focus areas, as identified below.

- **Transportation** – This focus area includes measures to reduce or eliminate vehicle trips, and subsequently GHG emissions, by increasing through infrastructure and access improvements the number of bicycle, walking, or transit trips that residents and visitors can reasonably make.
- **Energy** – This focus area describes opportunities for Los Altos residents and businesses to conserve energy, maximize efficiency, and rely on alternative renewable energy sources to heat and power their homes and businesses.
- **Resource Conservation** – Measures in this focus area aim to eliminate unnecessary resource consumption through actions that reduce waste disposal, conserve water, and optimize fuel consumption.
- **Green Community** – This focus area identifies efforts and actions to increase green infrastructure in the community that provide environmental, social, and economic benefits.
- **Municipal Operations** – This focus area describes actions the City will take to reduce GHG emissions from government operations, including completing energy efficiency improvements, reducing vehicle fuel consumption, promoting sustainable employee travel options, and environmentally preferable purchasing.

LOCATION AND SETTING:

Los Altos is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, in Santa Clara County. The city is bordered by Los Altos Hills to the west, Palo Alto to the north, Mountain View and Sunnyvale to the east, and Cupertino to the south.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

From **Monday, November 4, 2013 at 8:00 am** to **Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 5:00 pm** the public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and submit written comments.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES:

The Los Altos City Council will consider the Initial Study and Negative Declaration as part of their review of the Climate Action Plan at their December 10, 2013 meeting at 7:00 PM in the Community Chambers at City Hall located at One North San Antonio Road in the City of Los Altos.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:

Copies of the Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the Community Development Department located at City Hall and at the Main Library at the Civic Center during normal business hours. City Hall is located at One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California and the Main Library is located at 13 South San Antonio Road Los Altos, California. The document is also available online at www.LosAltosCA.gov

DECLARATION:

Based on the Environmental Initial Study dated November 2013, the staff has determined that:

- The project does NOT include any sites that appear on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that section.

- The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be adopted.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED BY:

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