

City of Williams - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the City of Williams has tentatively determined that the project described below will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment and that, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the City is prepared to issue a "mitigated negative declaration" in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

Project Description: The project proposes construction of a convenience store and vehicle refueling station on a five-acre vacant lot in the south Williams area. The convenience store would consist of a 5,982 square foot building, 12 refueling stations, and related improvements, located on the southeasterly portion of the site. Access to the site would be from two driveways off Husted Road and the Highway Frontage Road that parallels Highway 5 (Interstate 5). A new driveway would be created at the north side of the site connecting to the frontage road that would also include a new bridge that will cross over the irrigation ditch that parallels the road. Frontage improvements would be made to both the project site and the existing Ramos Oil Petroleum facility located next to the project site. Driveways would be merged between the Ramos Oil facility and the project driveways. The store would be used for retail sales and include a restaurant. The store would also provide public restrooms and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The store/building would consist of a modern design with cement fiber sidings and metal roofing and architectural elements. The project proposes a system of signage including two large freestanding signs, one located along the back of the site facing Highway 5 and the second near the front site entrance. A variety of exterior lighting would be used on the building and around the site; the most visible from the refueling canopies and freestanding lighting. Areas not covered by the building or circulation areas would be landscaped.

Project Location: Project is located at the intersection of Husted Rd and Old Highway 99 (APNs 016-362-110) in the City of Williams, CA.

This tentative determination to find that the project will not result in a significant adverse environmental effect is based on an environmental study that assesses the project's potential environmental impacts. The environmental study includes a list of 14 mitigation measures that have been incorporated into the project that reduces the project's potential adverse impacts to a level of non-significance. Anyone can review this study, which includes the list of 14 mitigation measures, at Williams City Hall, P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987, during normal business hours or by downloading from the City's web-link at:

https://www.cityofwilliams.org/news/city_news.php

The Final environmental determinations are made by the decision-making body for the project, which, in this case would be the Planning Commission of the City of Williams. The public review period for this notice will remain open for a period of at least 30 days from the first publication of this Notice, until August 7, 2023. For more information, please call (530) 235-3279 during normal business hours of City Hall. During this period written comments on the project and the proposed negative declaration may be submitted addressed to:

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