
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: July 24, 2026
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **City of Morgan Hill – Glen Ayre Hillside Water Reservoir Project**

The City of Morgan Hill (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Glen Syre Hillside Water Reservoir Project (Project). The City has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located at the end of Glen Ayre Drive, approximately 2.6 miles west of Highway 101. The Proposed Project will disturb an approximate one-half acre site. The existing tank site is located at approximately 37° 7'57.93" N and 121°41'34.60"W.

Project Description: The proposed project, the upsizing of the Glen Ayre Tank, is located on City-owned property near the western end of the City limits. The tank is located at the end of Glen Ayre Road, and supplies the Glen Ayre pressure zone, while being fed by the Llagas pressure zone through the Glen Ayre Booster Pump Station located on Llagas Rd approximately 0.7 miles away, with an elevation difference of 248 feet. The tank has a singular 8-inch inlet/outlet pipe and operates between 6 to 12 feet in water level.

The existing tank is 35-feet in diameter with a capacity of 100,000 gallons. To increase the capacity to 250,000 gallons without affecting the water level height, the new tank will be designed to be approximately 55-feet in diameter. The new tank footprint will require an expansion of the existing utility easement. During construction, five 21,000 gallon temporary tanks will be placed onsite. The ground in the area will be lightly graded to provide a flat area for the temporary tanks. Once the five temporary tanks are in place, they will be filled and the existing tank will be demolished. Once the new tank is constructed and filled, the five temporary tanks will be dismantled and removed from the site. Basic screening landscaping will be planted around the new tank fencing to reduce visual impacts for homes near the tank. A paved access road will be constructed around the new tank for accessibility.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, transportation, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, the City acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting July 24, 2026 and ending August 24, 2026**. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://www.morganhill.ca.gov/485/Capital-Improvement-Program>

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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