



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Brentwood will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the normal course of business permits on October 22, 2024, to consider the following matter.

**PROJECT NAME: SOLID WASTE ORGANICS DIVERSION PROJECT**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is at the City of Brentwood Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at 2251 Elkins Way, the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station at 2301 Elkins Way, and on City-owned land adjacent to and east of the WWTP, in Contra Costa County, California.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Brentwood, 2201 Elkins Way, Brentwood, California, 94513, (925) 516-6000

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Brentwood, 2201 Elkins Way, Brentwood, California, 94513, (925) 516-6000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Brentwood is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain the Solid Waste Organics Diversion Project, consisting of organic waste recovery facilities capable of beneficially reusing organic waste (including the organic fraction of solid waste and wastewater biosolids as defined by Senate Bill 1383 regulations), receiving liquid organic wastes, and producing renewable natural gas and biochar (project). The purpose of the project is to construct, operate, and maintain solid waste organics diversion facilities, which will facilitate the City achieving California's mandate of diverting 75 percent of organic waste from landfills by 2025. The specific objectives of the project are to (1) divert the City's organic solid waste and biosolids away from landfill disposal, (2) beneficially reuse organic waste by producing biochar, and (3) produce biogas to serve as a renewable natural gas supply. The project components are listed below.

1. Expansion of the Solid Waste Transfer Station to accommodate new equipment to separate and prepare organic waste for a new anaerobic digester.
2. Installation of an anaerobic digester and associated infrastructure.
3. Installation of centrifuges, biosolids dryers, and pyrolysis units to process material from the anaerobic digester.
4. Installation of pipelines and an interconnector station to convey renewable natural gas generated by the anaerobic digester to a Pacific Gas & Electric main line.

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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5. Ancillary facilities related to above project components.
6. Realignment of a paved pedestrian path from Sunset Park to the Marsh Creek trail.
7. Tree removal to accommodate new facilities and pedestrian path realignment.

All project components will occur within 12 acres, primarily within City-owned property adjacent to the east boundary of the WWTP footprint, within the Solid Waste Transfer Station footprint, along the public pedestrian path between Elkins Way and Sunset Road on the eastern side of the Sunset Park Athletic Complex, within the parking lot at the southeast corner of the Sunset Park Athletic Complex, and within approximately 900 linear feet of Sunset Road.

**SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:** None with the mitigation measures identified in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, an Initial Study has been prepared to assess potential environmental impacts of implementing the Project. The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the City Public Works office located at 2201 Elkins Way, Brentwood, California and on the City's website at: <https://www.brentwoodca.gov/government/community-development/planning/ceqa-documents>

The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review and comment for 30 days beginning on August 7, 2024, and ending on September 6, 2024. The deadline for submission of written comments ends at 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2024.

Comments on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be made to the City in writing at any time during the review period, or verbally during said public hearing. Written, E-mail or faxed comments should be addressed to:

Casey Wichert, Director of Public Works  
150 City Park Way, Brentwood, California, 94513  
Email: [Operations@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:Operations@brentwoodca.gov)  
FAX: (925) 516-6001

**NOTE:** If there is substantial evidence presented in light of the whole record before the City that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, an EIR shall be prepared. Argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion, or narrative evidence that is clearly inaccurate or erroneous, or evidence of social or economic impacts that do not contribute to, or are not caused by, physical impacts on the environment, is not substantial evidence. Substantial evidence shall include facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinions supported by facts.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The October 22, 2024, public hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers, 150 City Park Way, Brentwood, California, 94513. Final adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the City Council at the public hearing. Further information may be obtained from Casey Wichert, Director of Public Works, at (925) 516-6000 or [cwichert@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:cwichert@brentwoodca.gov).

## **HOW PARTICIPATE**

The public is invited to participate in the City Council meeting using any of the following methods:

### **1. IN PERSON:**

a. Members of the public can provide in-person comments in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to fill out a speaker card. The Council Chambers will have seating available for members of the public to attend in person up to full seating capacity.

### **2. REMOTE (if enabled):** Remarks by members of the public participating via Zoom are limited to speaking on items listed under public hearings; business items; and requests for future agendas items, existing requests. Zoom participation during the general public comment period will not be accepted, except in the event a City Council Member is participating remotely under the provisions of Government Code § 54953 (f).

a. **Zoom:** [www.brentwoodca.gov/vcc](http://www.brentwoodca.gov/vcc) or **Zoom Webinar ID:** 760 1397 0037

b. **Zoom Phone Numbers.** Dial Toll Free: (833) 548-0276 or (833) 548-0282 or (877) 853-5247.

c. During the meeting, each period for public comment will be announced, and participants may use the "Raise Hand" feature on Zoom to request to speak. (If you need instructions on how to use this feature, please contact the City Clerk by noon of the meeting date at [cityclerk@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@brentwoodca.gov) or 925.516.5182.)

### **3. E-MAIL**

a. Public comments can also be submitted via e-mail to [cityclerk@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@brentwoodca.gov). Any public comments received up until 3:00 p.m. of the meeting date will be:

1. distributed to the Council via email before the meeting,
2. posted online for public inspection at [www.brentwoodca.gov/meetings](http://www.brentwoodca.gov/meetings) and
3. later summarized in the meeting minutes.

b. As e-mails containing public meeting comments are part of the official record, note that personal contact information may be published if it is included with your e-mail.

**4. TO WATCH OR LISTEN ONLY:**

The public may view the meeting via one-way video feed by selecting the video option at the City Council Agendas' link on the City webpage at [www.brentwoodca.gov](http://www.brentwoodca.gov) or via the City's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofbrentwoodca>.

If you challenge the City Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Brentwood City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CITY OF BRENTWOOD

/s/ Margaret Wimberly, MMC, City Clerk; Dated: August 6, 2024

