

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: March 17, 2008

Reviewed by: JRL

SUBJECT: Neilson Street Storm Drain and Sanitary Sewer project – Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments on the Draft Negative Declaration

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Open the hearing to receive public comments on the Draft Negative Declaration; and
- 2) Continue the hearing on the draft Negative Declaration, plan approval, and call for bids to the City Council meeting of April 7, 2008.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a “Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration” regarding the Neilson Storm Drain and Sanitary Sewer Project was circulated to applicable agencies and mailed to all residents within a 300’ radius of the project area on February 12, 2008 (see attached Notice of Intent). The NOI gives notification of a public hearing for review of the project on March 17, 2008.

Attached is the Initial Study/Negative Declaration, which was prepared by the consulting firm of *Design, Community and Environment*. The conclusion of their analysis is that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment. To date, no substantive comments have been received on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration.

Based on the need for additional information regarding project funding, a decision was made to continue this item to the April 7, 2008 City Council meeting. If members of the public are present who wish to speak, the Albany City Council may open the public hearing, receive public comments on the Draft Negative Declaration, and continue the hearing on the draft Negative Declaration, plan approval, and call for bids to the City Council meeting of April 7, 2008.

Attachment

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
Initial Study/Negative Declaration