



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HAYWARD CAP AND CEQA GHG EMISSIONS THRESHOLDS**

The City of Hayward has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the Hayward Climate Action Plan (CAP) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Significance Thresholds (CEQA GHG Thresholds), as described below, and is requesting comments on the Draft IS-ND. The Draft IS-ND addresses the potential physical environmental effects of implementation of the CAP Update and CEQA GHG Thresholds in accordance with CEQA.

The City of Hayward is the Lead Agency for the proposed plan and thresholds. This notice is being sent to the State Clearinghouse, Alameda County Clerk, and other interested agencies and parties. No responsible agencies, trustee agencies, or public agencies besides the City of Hayward that also have a role in approving or carrying out the CAP and CEQA GHG Thresholds have been identified.

**PLAN TITLE:** Hayward CAP and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds

**PLAN LOCATION:** The CAP and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds apply to all areas and plans/projects within the City of Hayward limits. The plan location includes all of Hayward's incorporated lands.

**DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:** The City of Hayward is preparing the CAP as an update to the Hayward 2014 CAP. The CAP includes measures and supportive actions addressing communitywide GHG emissions. The City is committed to a 3.12 metric tons (MT) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) per capita GHG emissions reduction target (i.e., 40 percent below 1990 levels) by 2030 and a long-term goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. This 2030 GHG emissions goal was selected to be consistent with California Senate Bill 32 State emissions targets, CEQA Guidelines, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines for a qualified GHG emissions reduction strategy, and to be achievable by City-supported actions identified in the CAP. To achieve the Hayward 2030 GHG emissions target, the City has developed 18 CAP measures related to building energy, transportation, waste, water/wastewater, and carbon sequestration. In addition, the City of Hayward proposes to adopt quantitative CEQA GHG thresholds for use in evaluating whether a plan or project's GHG emissions would result in a potentially significant environmental impact under CEQA for plans or projects with pre-2030 buildout or initial operational years. The CEQA GHG thresholds would be applied to plans or projects that cannot tier from the environmental analysis for the Hayward CAP.

**SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** As discussed in the Draft IS-ND, the CAP and CEQA GHG Thresholds were found to result in no environmental effect or a less-than-significant environmental effect with regard to all CEQA Guidelines Appendix G environmental topics. No mitigation measures are required.

**DRAFT IS-ND REVIEW PERIOD:** The City is soliciting comments on the Draft IS-ND from **November 8, 2023**, through **December 8, 2023**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, the City of Hayward will consider the IS-ND together with any comments received during the public review process. Comments on the Draft IS-ND and any questions or comments should be directed via email or in writing to:

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Comments on the Draft IS-ND must be received **on or before December 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

**COPIES OF THE DRAFT IS-ND:** The Draft IS-ND is available for review online on the City's website: <https://hayward-ca.gov/your-government/special-projects/under-environmental-review> . If you need a hardcopy of the IS-ND or the documents referenced therein, please contact Erik Pearson at erik.pearson@hayward-ca.gov or (510) 583-4770.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Hayward City Council is anticipated to consider the IS-ND and make a decision on the CAP and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds during a future regularly scheduled meeting to be noticed to the public. Interested attendees should visit the City Council webpage to confirm the meeting date, time, agenda, and logistics: <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/city-council>



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