



CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Mendocino County Clerk

Project Title: Sanhedrin Timber Company General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Boundary Line Adjustment

Lead Agency: City of Willits, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490

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Review Period: June 5, 2025 to July 7, 2025

The City of Willits (City) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a CEQA Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/Proposed MND) for the Sanhedrin Timber Company General Plan Amendment, Rezone and Boundary Line Adjustment.

Project Description and Location

The Project proposes a General Plan Amendment and Rezone of two parcels totaling approximately 19.05 acres. The properties are currently designated Commercial-General under the General Plan with zoning classifications of Heavy Commercial (APN 108-040-11) and Community Commercial (APN 108-040-18) under the Zoning Ordinance. The project seeks to amend the General Plan Designation to Industrial-General and rezone the parcels to Heavy Industrial to facilitate the expansion of a log yard operation currently located on the adjacent parcel (APN 005-030-31). Further, the applicant, Sanhedrin Timber Company, is proposing a Boundary Line Adjustment to relocate the boundary line between APN 108-040-18 (10.64 acres) and 108-040-011 (10.61 acres). The adjustment would create a 2.2 acre parcel adjacent to N. Main Street and a 19.05 acre parcel for the expanded the log yard.

The project site is located at the northern end of the Willits city limits, on the east side of North Main Street, approximately 0.12 miles north of its intersection with Casteel Lane.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period for the IS/Proposed MND will run from June 5 to July 7, 2025. The IS/Proposed MND will be available for public review online within the Community Development Department Website at <https://cityofwillits.org/142/Planning> and at the Willits Community Development Department office at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California. Please e-mail any comments on the IS/Proposed MND by 5:30 P.M. on July 7, 2025 to Dusty Duley at dduley@cityofwillits.org.

After the review period ends, the Willits City Council will consider adopting the IS/Proposed MND and approving the Project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for July 23, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. We encourage you to visit the City's webpage to confirm the date, time, and location of the Council meeting at <https://cityofwillits.org/162/City-Council>.