

City of Paramount

December 6, 2021

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW ENDING January 19, 2022

AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Paramount, as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project identified below and is accepting Public Comment until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

PROJECT TITLE: AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project (SCH# 2020069013)

PROJECT APPLICANT: AltAir Paramount, LLC.

14700 Downey Avenue

Paramount, California 90723

PROJECT LOCATION: 14700 Downey Avenue

Paramount, California 90723

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project (Project) would complete the conversion of the 50,000 barrels per day Paramount crude oil refinery into a 25,000 barrels per day renewable fuels production facility, eliminating the refining of crude oil. The Project would include a new Pretreat Unit, modifications to the existing Renewables Fuels Unit A, a new Renewable Fuels Unit B, a new Hydrogen Generation Unit, a new Hydrogen Recovery Unit, a new Propane Recovery Unit, upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment system, a new Hydrogen Sulfide Recovery Unit, a second Sour Water Stripper, a new flare, modifications to the truck and rail loading/unloading racks, and new pipelines within the refinery. In addition, some existing tanks would be upgraded/repaired and be permitted to handle different products (e.g., non-edible vegetable oils and beef tallow). The Project also includes utilizing two existing 55,000-barrel storage tanks at the Lakewood Tank Farm.

The Draft SEIR discusses whether the Project would create significant impacts to areas including Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Air Quality, Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases, Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Transportation and Circulation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, Environmental Justice, and other issue areas. The Project was found to have significant and unavoidable impacts related to Air Quality, Risk of Upset, and Environmental Justice. The consulting firm that assisted the City of Paramount in the preparation of the Draft SEIR is MRS Environmental, Inc., 1306 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

Submission of Public Comment: *The Public Review Period is December 6, 2021, to <u>January 19, 2022</u>. Please submit written comments to Mr. John Carver, Director of Planning, City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California 90723, (562) 220-2048. Comments may also be submitted by email to: JCarver@paramountcity.com.*

Notice is also given that the City of Paramount will hold a public workshop on this Draft SEIR on December 13, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Paramount Park Community Center, 14400 Paramount Boulevard. Interested parties are invited to comment on the Draft SEIR via email and regular mail, and to participate in decision-making hearings once the Draft SEIR is finalized.

A copy of the Notice of Completion and Availability, the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, as well as the full project description, are available at the City of Paramount, Planning Department at 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California 90723, or online at:

http://www.paramountcity.com/government/planning-department/planning-division/environmental-documents