

**CITY OF COLTON**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**AN INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**AMKO Recycling Facility**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, City Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the AMKO Recycling Facility Project.

**Project Title:** AMKO Recycling Facility

**Project No.:** DAP-001-743

**Project Location:** The project site is located across six parcels, identified by Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 162-136-06, 162-134-08, -09, -12, -23, and -24

**Project Description:** AMKO Recycling LLC (Applicant) is requesting approval of the expansion and operation of the existing AMKO Facility. The existing AMKO Recycling Facility is a nonconforming use under the City's Municipal Code and consists of a large recycling facility located at the edge of Downtown Colton. As a part of the project, the project applicant is requesting a General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan land use designation from General Commercial to Light Industrial and a zone change of C-D and C-2/D to M 1 to bring the facility into conformance with the City's General Plan and Municipal Code. The proposed project also includes a minor zoning code amendment which clarifies the definition of "Recycling Processing Facility" in the City's Municipal Code Sections 18.04.385 and 18.06.060. Implementation of the project would involve relocation of the public buy-back center separate from the commercial services at the existing facility. The proposed buyback center would be located on the vacant lots at 115, 125,133 and 135 North Pennsylvania Avenue (APNs 162-134-09, 24, 12, and 23) with the construction of a 7,670 square-foot (sf) warehouse space, 1,586 sf of retail, 428 sf of office space, 348 sf of restrooms, 670 sf of storage area, and an additional 18 parking spaces. Improvements to the existing facility located at 340 West Valley Boulevard (APN 162-136-06) include incorporating new architectural elements to the building façade to support historic preservation consistent with the Design Manual, new landscaping along Pennsylvania Avenue and Valley Boulevard, and construction of a 10,000-sf storage space, which would facilitate enclosing up to 80 percent of the recycling operation containing various materials. Additionally, the project includes rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the existing building located at 157 North Pennsylvania Avenue (APN 162-134-08) as a warehouse and storage facility.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft IS-MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS-MND at the following physical location:

**City of Colton**  
**Development Services Department**  
**659 North La Cadena Drive**  
**Colton, California 92324**

You may obtain the document in electronic format at <https://www.ci.colton.ca.us/779/Environmental-Documents> or by emailing the Planner at [msuarez@coltonca.gov](mailto:msuarez@coltonca.gov). To request a PDF version of the document from the Development Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

**COMMENT PERIOD:** The comment period on the IS-MND is from January 19, 2025 and closes on **February 19, at 5:00 PM.** Please submit comments to [msuarez@coltonca.gov](mailto:msuarez@coltonca.gov) or to:

Mario Suarez, AICP, Planning Manager | 909-370-5523  
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659 North La Cadena  
Colton, California 92324

**Public Hearing - Intent to Consider Adoption of MND:** The Planning Commission of the City of Colton intends to hold a public hearing on March 11, 2025 to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project pursuant to the CEQA. Time: 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton, California 92324