

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for the Washington Street Sewer Bypass Project**

**DATE:** December 8, 2022

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** Castroville Community Services District

**PROJECT TITLE:** Washington Street Sewer Bypass Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Castroville Community Services District (District) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Thursday, December 8, 2022, to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project site is located in Castroville on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 133-143-016, 030-141-022 and -023, and the California Department of Transportation right-of-way that lies between them along State Route (SR) 1. Portions of the project site are within the Coastal Zone, as established by the California Coastal Commission. The project site includes an existing Monterey One Water (M1W) pump station along Watsonville Road near Castroville, portions of Washington Street and Merritt Street/SR 183, and agricultural and undeveloped lands along the pipeline alignment on either side of SR 1. The project site is approximately 1.8 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and approximately 250 feet north of Tembladero Slough. The project site is not located on a hazardous materials site included on a list prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed project would involve installation of a 24-inch trunk sewer main, approximately 1,400 feet in length, from the intersection of Washington Street and Merritt Street/SR 183 to the south end of Watsonville Road, traveling underneath SR 1. The proposed 24-inch sewer line would bypass the existing 18-inch sewer line within Watsonville Road to 18-inch sewer upstream of the M1W pump station. The purpose of the project is to provide additional conveyance capacity from the District wastewater collection system to the M1W pump station, and to improve the accessibility of the sewer line in this location. Pipeline construction would consist of conventional open-cut trench methods and a trenchless crossing to install a segment beneath SR 1. Project construction would occur over approximately seven months from May 2024 to November 2024.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, noise, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure that the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:**

In accordance with Section 15073 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from December 8, 2022, through January 9, 2023, at:

- Castroville Community Services District Website (<http://www.castrovillecsd.org/>)
- Castroville Community Services District Office during normal business hours (11499 Geil Street, Castroville, CA 95012)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2023. Please address comments to:

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