

**Notice of Availability/Intent to Adopt  
Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration  
for the  
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Sewer Trunk Replacement  
Project, Reaches 4A, 4B, and 4C  
Public Review Period:  
December 7, 2018 to January 7, 2019**

The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District<sup>1</sup> (District), is the lead agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed **Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Sewer Trunk Main Replacement Project, Reaches 4A, 4B, and 4C** (Proposed Project). Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) staff, on behalf of the District, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (IS/MND) for the project pursuant to the requirements of the CEQA (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3), and Sonoma Water's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA.

An Initial Study is a preliminary analysis of a project's potential environmental impacts used to determine whether a Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared. The Initial Study document is intended to provide the public, responsible agencies and trustee agencies under CEQA, a clear understanding of the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of the Proposed Project. If an Initial Study identifies potentially significant impacts but the project is modified or revised to clearly mitigate the impacts, a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared. If an Initial Study concludes that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared.

**INITIAL STUDY REVIEW**

Public disclosure and dialogue are priorities under CEQA. Pursuant to Sections 15073.5 and 15105[b] of the CEQA Guidelines, the District is now circulating the Draft IS/MND for a 31-day public and agency review. All comments received prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2019 will be considered. Please include a name, address, and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject.

Questions or comments on this document can be sent to:

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The public review period closes at 5:00 p.m. January 7, 2019.

An electronic copy of the Draft IS/MND is available at <https://www.sonomawater.org/environmental-documents>. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for purchase by request at 707-547-1900 or at the Water Agency's administrative office (404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa). Hard copies are also available for public viewing at the following locations:

- ❖ **Sonoma County Water Agency:** 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa
- ❖ **Sonoma Valley Library:** 755 West Napa Street, Sonoma

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<sup>1</sup> The District's Board of Directors is comprised of the Mayor of the City of Sonoma, and the Chair and First District Supervisor of the County of Sonoma's Board of Supervisors.

## **ADOPTION OF THE INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The project is scheduled for consideration and adoption by the District's Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled Board meeting beginning at 8:30 am on **January 29, 2019**. Comments submitted during the Initial Study review period will be included in the report to the Board of Directors. Opportunity to comment on the project will also be available at the Board meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

The District provides sewer collection and wastewater services to areas including the City of Sonoma and unincorporated areas of Sonoma County (Agua Caliente, Boyes Hot Springs, Eldridge, Fetters Hot Springs, Glen Ellen, Schellville, Temelec, and Vineburg). The District's wastewater treatment plant treats wastewater for approximately 22,000 residences and businesses. The sewer trunk main of the wastewater collection system is approximately 10 miles in length, beginning in the Town of Glen Ellen and ending at the District's wastewater treatment plant on 8th Street East, south of the City of Sonoma.

The District's wastewater treatment plant and collection system operations are regulated by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) adopted in Regional Board Order No. (Order) R2-2014-0020 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0037800.

As a result of threatened or continued discharge violations of the District's operating Order, the Regional Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R2-2015-0032. The Regional Board provided a schedule to allow for the development of a phased project to remedy the problem of discharge violations and to bring the District into compliance with the CDO. The CDO requires the District to complete a phased capital improvement project to upgrade the sewer trunk main and achieve full compliance with all applicable WDRs by October 31, 2022.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Proposed Project would repair and improve a portion of the District's existing sewer trunk main to reliably handle dry and wet weather inflows. The Proposed Project would include the following components: (1) abandon and/or remove and replace sections (approximately 8,500 linear feet) of the existing 21-inch diameter reinforced concrete underground sewer trunk main with 27-inch polyvinyl chloride pipe, including sections of connecting sewer lines, manholes and other appurtenances; (2) restore roadway surface; (3) relocate, reconstruct, or remove miscellaneous structures; and (4) relocate, install, or abandon other utilities. The Proposed Project would occur in three phases over approximately a three-year period, beginning in 2019.

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

The Proposed Project would be located within the District's service area boundary, which is approximately 20 miles north of San Francisco Bay and 17 miles southeast of the City of Santa Rosa (Project Location Map).

The Proposed Project would occur in three phases as follows:

- The first phase, Reach 4A, would begin at a new manhole at the intersection of 6th Street West and Studley Street, continue north to Highway 12 (West Napa Street), continue west and north along Highway 12, and then turn west and stub into Ramon Street.
- The second phase, Reach 4B, would begin at Ramon Street, continue west on Ramon Street into the Sonoma Oaks Mobile Home Park, continue north through Maxwell Farms Regional Park, then across Verano Avenue to connect at the south end of the recently completed Agua Caliente Creek Crossing project (south of Old Maple Avenue).
- The third phase, Reach 4C, would begin at the north end of the recently completed Agua Caliente Creek Crossing project (south of Old Maple Avenue), continue north through private easements to Happy Lane, continue north along Happy Lane, ending approximately 300 feet north of Anthony Court (to connect to the existing sewer trunk main at an existing manhole).

# Project Location Map

## Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

### Sewer Trunk Main Replacement Project, Reaches 4A, 4B and 4C

