

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.), an Initial Study for the Main and Madrone Pipeline Restoration Project (proposed project) was prepared to evaluate environmental impacts. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of review. This is a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an MND for this project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072.

Project Title: Main and Madrone Pipeline Restoration Project

Project Description: The proposed project includes the replacement of the Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines outside the City of Morgan Hill with larger pipelines to restore their full operational capacity and to convey adequate flows to meet future sub-basin groundwater recharge requirements in the Llagas groundwater subbasin. The proposed project would be implemented along three major segments as described below:

- Segment 1 (Main Avenue Pipeline): 2,800 linear feet of 16-inch diameter pipe from the Anderson Reservoir outlet to the Cochrane Road and Half Road intersection will be replaced with 36-inch pipe.
- Segment 2 (Main Avenue Pipeline): 4,860 linear feet of 16-inch, 18-inch, and 24-inch diameter pipe from the Cochrane Road and Half Road intersection to the Main Avenue Percolation Ponds will be replaced with 30-inch pipe.
- Segment 3 (Madrone Pipeline): 6,300 linear feet of 24-inch diameter and 30-inch diameter pipe from the Cochrane Road and Half Road intersection to the Madrone Channel will be replaced with 30-inch pipe.

In addition, underground utility vaults would be constructed at the end of the pipelines; the existing discharge pipes at the Main Avenue ponds and the Madrone Channel would be upgraded to include an energy dissipater; and an existing chemical feed station on Cochrane Road would be demolished and reconstructed north of Main Avenue near the Main Avenue turnout. The chemical feed station would be approximately 299 square feet. The proposed project would include restoring the roads once construction activities are complete.

Construction Schedule. Construction would occur over a 17-month period beginning in approximately July 2017 and ending in November 2018. Construction hours would typically be Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Several of the phases of the proposed project may occur simultaneously.

Project Location: The proposed project is in the eastern portion of the City of Morgan Hill (City) and in unincorporated Santa Clara County within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI). The boundaries of the project area are generally east of U.S. Highway 101, south of Cochrane Road, and north of Half Road. Project activities would primarily occur within Cochrane Road, East Main Avenue, and Half Road along the Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines.

Public Review: The Draft MND will be available for public review from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** weekdays at the District Headquarters Building (5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118) starting

Wednesday, March 1, 2017. A copy of the Draft MND will also be available at the Morgan Hill Public Library reference desk at 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, California 95037. The Draft MND can also be accessed online at: <http://www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx>. The public comment period on the Draft MND closes at 5 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

Contact: Comments on the Draft MND should be submitted via mail or electronically, by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017**, to:

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