

# Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # 2002072083

Lead Agency: City of Healdsburg, Municipal Utility Department, 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Project Title: City of Healdsburg Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Project Location: Unincorporated Sonoma County

Sonoma County

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Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City is currently proposing to increase the volume of water in the water recycling program supplied for beneficial uses. To eliminate seasonal discharges to surface waters between May 15 and September 30 of each year, the City proposes to:

- Extend existing recycled water transmission pipelines along two alignments totaling approximately 6,000 linear feet;
- Add approximately 1,160 acres of land that could receive recycled water through the proposed new pipelines (2018 Proposed Area);
- Construct a recycled water distribution system within the 2018 Proposed Area to irrigate approximately 150 acres of pasture lands and 40 acres of vineyards;
- Expand the list of recycled water uses beyond those currently allowed in the program to include:
  - orchards (apple, peach, plum/prune);
  - cannabis;
  - irrigated pasture;
  - direct livestock watering (not including dairy cows);
  - frost protection; and
  - other agricultural uses occurring in the vicinity of the WRF, consistent with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
- Add 3,540 acres of land that potentially could receive recycled water at a future date (2018 Program Expansion Area).
- Make permanent the temporary program for the application of recycled water via truck delivery on approximately 25,000 acres of lands, which is set to expire at the end of 2020.

The 2018 Proposed Area is located on unincorporated Sonoma County lands approximately 1 mile south of the City of Healdsburg and west of Westside Road. The 2018 Program Expansion Area surrounds the 2018 Proposed Area and is predominantly west of Westside Road and partially east and south of Westside Road. The trucking area encompasses approximately 103,000 acres surrounding the City of Healdsburg.

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

## IMPACT (MITIGATION)

- Surface and groundwater quality impacts resulting from application of recycled water for irrigation and frost protection (Implement best management practices that limit runoff and infiltration of recycled water)
- Impacts on sensitive biological resources during construction and operation (Pre-construction surveys, avoidance measures, compensation)
- Impacts on nesting birds during construction (Pre-construction surveys and establishment of buffer areas)
- Impacts on protected tree species (Implement Sonoma County tree protection requirements)
- Impacts on jurisdictional waters, wetlands, and riparian habitat (Pre-construction surveys, avoidance and minimization -during construction and operation, if necessary compensation in consultation with resource agencies)
- Construction-related erosion (Develop and implement an erosion control plan with BMPs to minimize soil erosion and sedimentation)
- Impacts from landslides or expansive soils (Prepare a design-level geotechnical evaluation)
- Impacts on paleontological resources (Construction worker training, work stoppage requirements, resource recovery plan)
- Criteria pollutant emissions during construction (Implement basic construction mitigation measures of the Air District [BAAQMD and NSCAPCD])
- Noise impacts during construction (Implement noise control measures)
- Impacts on cultural resources during construction (Pre-construction surveys, testing, avoidance, work stoppage, resource evaluation)
- Potential to affect unrecorded human remains (Compliance with State law applicable to historic-era and Native American human burials)
- Traffic hazard impacts during construction (Prepare and implement a Traffic Control Plan)
- Increased risk of wildfire during construction (Prepare and implement a fire safety and management plan)



If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Several comments received on the notice of preparation and during the scoping meeting related to concerns regarding surface and groundwater quality, and in particular impacts on drinking water wells. Other comments expressed concerns about the use of recycled water for frost protection and cannabis cultivation. Comments also addressed the continued hauling of recycled water and concerns related to transportation and road safety. Written input received during the public comment period for the notice of preparation and a summary comments received during the project scoping meeting are provided as Appendix A of the Draft SEIR.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department