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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**Date:** 3/6/2019

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Clean Water Program; Underground Flow Equalization System Project, San Mateo County Event Center

**Location:** City of San Mateo, California

The City of San Mateo (“City”), as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State lead agency announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Underground Flow Equalization System Project (“Project”) (SCH No. 2018092013), located at the San Mateo County Event Center as part of the City’s Clean Water Program. This notice is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in the state CEQA Guidelines Section 15807 (Public Resources Code Sec. 21092).

## Project Location

The proposed Project is within the City of San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant service area. The location of the proposed Project is the San Mateo County Event Center (Event Center) property between Saratoga Drive and S. Delaware Street, in the city of San Mateo, San Mateo County, California. The underground structure portion of the Project would be located in the east corner of the Event Center parking lot, adjacent to Saratoga Drive (Assessor’s Parcel Number 040 030 220). The northernmost point of the site is located at approximately latitude 37°32'51.13"N, longitude 122°17'53.78"W. Diversion sewer pipelines would be installed under S. Delaware Street and Saratoga Drive.

## Description of Project

The proposed Project consists of a new underground wastewater temporary holding structure, pump station, odor control equipment room, and associated diversion pipelines. The temporary holding structure is an underground concrete basin that will temporarily hold diluted wastewater flows upstream from the City’s wastewater treatment plant.

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The temporary holding structure would have an approximate volume of up to 5.3 million gallons. During significant storm events, diversion pipelines would route wet weather flows from the existing sewers to the temporary holding structure. The concrete temporary holding structure would temporarily store excess wet weather flows for up to 24 hours after the storm event subsides. Once the downstream collection system has available capacity, an effluent pump station inside the holding structure would pump the stored diluted wastewater back into the sanitary sewer collection system via a new force main. Some minor appurtenances, including access hatches, an electrical building, and vents for treated air would be at or above the ground surface. The temporary holding structure also would provide short-term wastewater storage to facilitate future sewer construction projects and operations and maintenance activities, such as pipeline inspection and cleaning. The Project also would include a new emergency diesel generator to allow processes to continue during periods of power outages.

## Project Impacts

The proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable construction noise impacts, even with proposed mitigation to reduce impacts. All other potential impacts would be less than significant or reduced to a less than significant level with proposed mitigation measures. These impacts include aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, traffic, utilities.

## Public Review Period

Written comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted from March 6, 2019 to May 7, 2019. Written comments can be sent to the following address: 330 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403, Attention: Clean Water Program, or emailed to [info@cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org](mailto:info@cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org).

## Availability of the Draft EIR

A digital copy of the Draft EIR is available for download on the Clean Water Program website at <http://www.cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org>. Hard copies are available for viewing at the following locations:

- City Hall, 330 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- San Mateo Main Library, 55 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
- Hillsdale Branch – San Mateo Public Library, 205 W. Hillsdale Boulevard

Referenced materials used in the preparation of the Draft EIR may be reviewed upon request to the City. The Draft EIR incorporates by reference the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Clean Water Program (SCH No. 2015032006), a copy of which is available on the Clean Water Program website.

## Public Meeting

A public meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Council chambers located at 330 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, San Mateo, CA.