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Project Title: West Modesto Sewer Infrastructure Project
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City: Modesto, CA Zip: 95354 County: Stanislaus

Project Location: Stanislaus County City/Nearest Community: Modesto
Cross Streets: Beverly Drive/Waverly Drive, Rouse Avenue/Colorado Ave, and Spencer Ave/Marshall Ave Zip Code: 95354
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37° 37' 30.11" N / 121° 1' 0.77" W Total Acres: 419
Assessor's Parcel Number: Multiple Section: 31 Twp.: 3S Range: 9E Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: 132 & 99 Waterways: Stanislaus River
Airports: Railways: Schools: Multiple

Local Public Review Period: (to be filled in by lead agency)
Starting Date: August 2, 2021 Ending Date: September 1, 2021

Document Type:
CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR [] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Mit Neg Dec [] Other: Addendum to ND
NEPA: [] NOI [] EA [] Draft EIS [] FONSI
OTHER: [] Joint Document [] Final Document [] Other:

Local Action Type:
[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Other: Infrastructure

Development Type:
[] Residential Acres: [] Water Facilities Type: MGD
[] Office Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [] Transportation Type:
[] Commercial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [] Mining Mineral:
[] Industrial Acres: Employees: [] Power Type: MW
[] Educational [] Waste Facilities Type: MGD
[] Recreational [] Hazardous Waste Type:
[] OCS Related [] Other: Sewer Main Infrastructure and Private Sewer Connections

Project Issues Discussed in Document:
[X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[X] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [X] Septic Systems [] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geological/Seismic [X] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [X] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [X] Solid Waste [X] Land Use
[] Drainage/Absorption [X] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, Commercial, and City.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

West Modesto Sewer Infrastructure Project

Background: The County of Stanislaus (County) circulated an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the West Modesto Sewer Infrastructure Project (Project) from May 4, 2018 to June 4, 2018. Since that time, a modification to the proposed Project has been identified as being necessary to revise the Project description. This Addendum is provided as a supplement to the environmental analysis provided in the Final IS/ND, pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164.

The Project involves the installation of sanitary sewer mains and laterals in three separate unincorporated neighborhoods within Modesto, CA. The 2018 Draft IS/ND included analysis of the proposed sewer infrastructure project, but did not assess potential effects of the connection from private properties into the public sewer laterals. Initially, the connection from private properties to the public sewer system was not part of the infrastructure project and was anticipated to occur at later dates with private property owners incurring the associated costs. Since the completion of the IS/ND, the County commenced procuring funds from the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to allow private property owners to abandon their septic tanks and connect to the existing City of Modesto's public sewer system.

Revised Project Description: Stanislaus County, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), propose to install sanitary sewer mains and laterals, with private property connections to each residence, in three separate unincorporated neighborhoods within West Modesto in Stanislaus County, California (see attachments: Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map, Figure 2: Project Location Map, Figure 3: Revised Area of Potential Effects Map). It is estimated that the Project will include the installation of up to 80,000 linear feet of gravity mains and approximately 1,004 new house laterals in the Spencer/Marshall (144 services), Beverly/Waverly (527 services), and Rouse/Colorado (333 services) neighborhoods. The Spencer/Marshall neighborhood is generally located approximately 0.3 mile west of Highway 99 and is accessible from State Route 132 and Spencer Avenue. The Beverly/Waverly neighborhood is located approximately 0.9 mile west of Highway 99 and is accessible from Paradise Road. The Rouse/Colorado neighborhood is located approximately 0.6 mile west of Highway 99 and is accessible from Tuolumne Boulevard and Roselawn Avenue. The following street intersections and road segment are part of the Project site: the California/Marshall Avenue intersection; the Paradise Road/Pine Tree intersection; and approximately 100' east of the Lombardy Drive/Ritsch Lane intersection.

The Spencer/Marshall, Beverly/Waverly, and Rouse/Colorado neighborhoods are disadvantaged communities located in West Modesto with predominantly residential parcels that currently rely on septic tanks for the treatment of sewage. The Project is proposed in response to health and safety concerns associated with failing septic systems which could lead to the degradation of groundwater quality. The Project will include the installation of a new sewer system with approximately 80,000 linear feet of sewer main and street reconstruction. The completed Project will allow property owners to abandon their existing septic tanks and connect to a public sewer system with private property connections paid for by State Water Board grant funding awarded to the County and installed through individual construction contracts approved by the County. The new sewer infrastructure will connect into the City of Modesto's existing public sewer system. Upon completion of the Project, ownership of the public sanitary sewer improvements will be transferred to the City of Modesto for operation and maintenance.

Existing private septic systems and water services will remain active during Project construction. No road closures are anticipated to occur and access to each residence will be maintained. Minor temporary detours for local traffic may take place. Temporary construction easements, utility easements, and encroachment permits may be needed on a limited basis to accommodate the installation of the proposed improvements. Construction of the public sanitary sewer improvements for the Spencer/Marshall area is anticipated to last six months, for the Beverly/Waverly area eighteen months, and twelve months for the Rouse/Colorado area. Private sewer connections from individual properties to the public sewer laterals are expected to be completed within two years of the City's acceptance of the public sewer improvements.

The City of Modesto's (City) River Trunk Realignment project is co-located in the Colorado Avenue street segment of Project Area 9. The City's project will include construction of gravity pipelines, force mains, and two new pump stations. Construction of the public sanitary sewer improvements for the Rouse/Colorado Project (Area 9) may be completed concurrently with the City's project. The City prepared a Wastewater Master Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) in October of 2019 which included the River Trunk Realignment project. The City's project impacts were reviewed and were not found to affect the County's sewer Project.

The Project will be constructed using local, SWRCB, and Community Development Block Grant funds; therefore, coordination with the HUD under NEPA will be required and the County is the lead agency for CEQA purposes and the responsible entity for NEPA purposes.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

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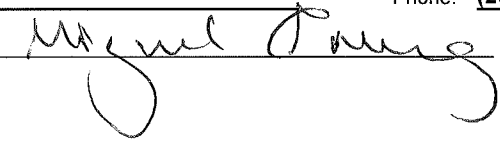
- Caltrans Planning
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
- Coastal Commission
- Colorado River Board Commission
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- Corrections, Department of
- Delta Protection Commission
- Education, Department of
- Energy Commission
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- Housing & Community Development
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- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Emergency Services
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- Parks & Recreation, Department of
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- Public Utilities Commission
- Reclamation Board
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- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
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- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- X** Water Resources, Department of
- X** Other: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- S** Other: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

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