

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the
Memorial Park Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project**

DATE: March 12, 2019
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties
LEAD AGENCY: County of San Mateo Department of Public Works
PROJECT TITLE: Memorial Park Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project

This notice has been prepared to inform agencies and interested parties that the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works (County) as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to provide the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of the Memorial Park Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project (Project).

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is proposed for Memorial Park, a 673-acre park in San Mateo County, located at 9500 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar, California. The park is approximately 6.25 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and approximately 16.5 miles southwest of the San Francisco Bay. The nearest community is Loma Mar, just outside the park's western boundary. The park is generally bounded by Wurr Road to the south and east and private property to the north and west.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Memorial Park has a year-round campground with 158 family camp sites organized into camp areas (e.g., Sequoia Flat Campground), day use areas, a visitor center, a camp store, and two youth camps (Homestead Youth Camp and Redwood Flat Youth Camp). The park's wastewater collection and treatment system are more than 40 years old and are near the end of their design life expectancy, meaning that maintenance is frequently required to replace and repair broken or worn-out parts, and the system does not provide a consistent level of service. Due to age and high maintenance requirements, the County has determined the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) requires replacement and the wastewater collection system requires substantial repairs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project includes phased improvements to the existing wastewater treatment system, including replacement of the existing WWTP, repairs and replacement of pipes and manholes, and other necessary upgrades to the system from wastewater conveyance to disposal. The Project would be implemented in phases. Phase 1 would include replacing the existing WWTP facility and septic system with a new WWTP located in an area currently used for overflow parking. The existing WWTP would be repurposed as a lift station. Under Phase 1, new temporary overflow parking lot would also be constructed near the existing overflow parking lot. Phase 2 would involve improvements to the wastewater collection system. The collection system repairs would be implemented to fix structural defects; lessen infiltration and inflow; and provide for the flow volume needed to scour settled solids in the pipe and prevent potential backwatering caused by reduced pipe capacity.

SCHEDULE: Should the Project be approved, Phase 1 work would begin in summer 2019 and be completed in summer 2020. Phase 2 would begin approximately 6 to 12 months after Phase 1, and span approximately 12 months.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000, et seq.), an Initial Study was prepared for the Project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the Project, and recommends mitigation measures where necessary to reduce to a less-than-significant level construction impacts concerning air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation and traffic. The identified mitigations are feasible and would be incorporated into the Project to ensure that the Project would not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment. Project operations would not result in any significant impacts. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS: The Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at:

- **County Websites**, <https://publicworks.smcgov.org/memorial-park-wwtp> and <https://parks.smcgov.org/memorial-WWTP-replacement>
- **Memorial Park Visitor Center**, 9500 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar
- **San Mateo County Planning Department**, 455 County Center, 2nd Floor, Redwood City
- **Woodside Library**, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside
- **Portola Valley Library**, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review for 30 days from: **March 12, 2019** to **April 11, 2019**. Comments must be submitted in writing and received no later than 5:00 p.m. April 11, 2019. Please address comments to:

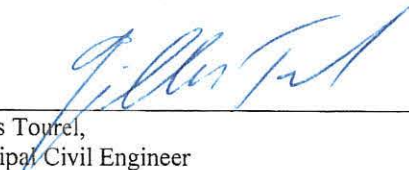
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or by email to: DPW_Memorialparkproject@smcgov.org

The County of San Mateo Department of Public Works is planning to present the proposed mitigated negative declaration to the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors for adoption by **Spring 2019**.

Dated: _____

3/11/2019



Gilles Tourel,
Principal Civil Engineer

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: **2019039065**

Project Title: Memorial Park Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project

Lead Agency: County of San Mateo Department of Public Works

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Project Location: Memorial Park, near the community of Loma Mar, unincorporated San Mateo County, CA
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The San Mateo County Parks Department and the Department of Public Works (hereafter referred to generally as the County) propose to implement the Memorial Park Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project within unincorporated San Mateo County, California. The proposed project includes phased improvements to the existing wastewater treatment system, including replacement of the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), repairs and/or replacement of pipes and manholes, and other necessary upgrades to the system from wastewater conveyance to disposal. Activities are proposed to occur within Memorial Park, which is near the community of Loma Mar, in unincorporated San Mateo County, California. Phase 1, which would involve improvements to the WWTP, would begin in 2019 and be completed over an approximately 12-month period. Phase 2 would involve improvements to the wastewater collection system, and would also occur over an approximately 12-month period. The two phases could overlap by approximately 6 months. Construction activities would take place during daytime hours from 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

The Draft IS/MND identifies potentially significant construction impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation and traffic. All potentially significant effects would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation. Measures to protect air quality include implementation of BAAQMD's Basic Construction Mitigation Measures. Measures to reduce potential biological resources impacts include provisions for the protection of water quality and in-stream habitat, riparian resources, special-status plant and animal species (e.g., marbled murrelet, red-legged frog, western pond turtle, and Santa Cruz cypress), nesting birds and roosting bats, and jurisdictional waters. Measures to protect cultural resources include archaeological sensitivity training, cultural resources monitoring, procedures for responding to inadvertent cultural resource discovery, and procedures for responding to inadvertent human remains discovery. Measures to reduce potential hazardous materials effects include adherence to fire safety protocols and best management practices for handling and storing hazardous materials, protocols for responding to inadvertent contaminated soil discovery, and identification and flagging of underground utilities prior to construction. Measures to reduce potential hydrology and water quality impacts include preparation and implementation of a comprehensive stormwater pollution and erosion control plan. Measures to minimize traffic impacts include avoiding Pescadero Creek Road lane closures during peak commute hours and preparation and implementation of a traffic control plan.

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

There are no areas of controversy regarding this project known to the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Responsible or trustee agencies include: County of San Mateo Planning and Building Department, County of San Mateo Parks Department, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Air Resources Board, Native American Heritage Commission; Bay Area Air Quality Management District, State Water Resources Control Board, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Office of Historic Preservation.