



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Sonoma County Clerk

Project Title: Occidental Wastewater Transport and Treatment Project

Lead Agency: Graton Community Services District, 250 Ross Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Review Period: March 9, 2021 to April 7, 2021

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the Graton Community Services District (Graton CSD) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a Recirculated Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Occidental Wastewater Transport and Treatment Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2019119006).

Project Description and Location

Graton CSD is an independent, local government agency responsible for operating and maintaining wastewater treatment facilities in the unincorporated community of Graton. Graton CSD, in partnership with Sonoma Water, is proposing to provide treatment, storage, and disposal of dry weather wastewater flows from Sonoma Water's Occidental County Sanitation District over a 10-year agreement period. Sonoma Water currently transports wastewater from the Occidental County Sanitation District to the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone for treatment, storage, and reuse. The proposed project would reduce transport costs and mobile source air emissions by reducing the length of wastewater transportation trips and would help stabilize Graton CSD sewer rates. The project would include the construction of a wastewater receiving station, concrete driveway pullout, retaining wall, and sewer lateral connection, all in the public right of way adjacent to Green Valley Road west of Highway 116 and Hicks Road.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period will extend from March 9 to April 7, 2021. The Recirculated IS/MND is available for public review online at <https://graton.org>. Please email any comments on the Recirculated IS/MND by 5 PM on April 7, 2021 to Jose Ortiz at joseortiz.gcsd@gmail.com.

After the review period closes, the Graton CSD Board of Directors will consider adopting the Recirculated IS/MND for the project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM. We encourage you to check the Graton CSD's webpage to confirm the date, time, location and format (live or online) of the Board meeting at the following website address: <https://graton.org>.