



WATER DEPARTMENT

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City of Santa Cruz Water Department NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: Laguna Creek Diversion Retrofit Project

The City of Santa Cruz as the Lead Agency has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Laguna Creek Diversion Retrofit Project (Proposed Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT LOCATION: Laguna Creek, along Smith Grade in Bonny Doon in unincorporated Santa Cruz County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project would retrofit the existing Facility to provide for natural sediment transport past the diversion and to protect fish species and habitats. The retrofit would be comprised of the following primary components: new intake structure and screen; new intake structure appurtenances; new valve control vault; bank protection and armoring; new monitoring and control equipment; new access and safety provisions; and modifications to the existing intake and sediment control bypass valves. The Proposed Project would not increase the diversion rates, which would remain consistent with existing operations at the Facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR found that implementation of the Proposed Project may result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: biological resources, cultural resources and tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, and noise and vibration, which would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures identified in the EIR.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: Two public information meetings regarding the Proposed Project and Draft EIR will be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM**. To minimize exposure to COVID-19 and comply with the social distancing suggestion, the meetings may be viewed remotely using the following sources:

- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/SantaCruzWaterDepartment>, or
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94573831838>

To participate in the meetings via phone:

- Please call any of the following numbers. If one number is busy, try the next one. Keep trying until connected.
 - 1-669-900-9128
 - 1-253-215-8782
 - 1-346-248-7799
 - 1-877-853-5247 (Toll Free)
- Enter the meeting ID number: 945 7383 1838
- When prompted for a Participant ID, press #.
- Press *9 on your phone to “raise your hand” when the meeting organizer calls for public participation.
- It will be your turn to speak when the meeting organizer unmutes you. You will hear an announcement that you have been unmuted.



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There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the CEQA review process at the end of the meeting. Written comments on the Draft EIR can be submitted (see instructions below).

REVIEW AND COMMENT: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is September 18, 2020 through November 2, 2020.

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received in writing by email or mail to the contact listed below by 5:00 PM on November 2, 2020. **Please include a return address and contact name.**

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Online review of the Draft EIR is encouraged. The Draft EIR is available for review online at: <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/waterenvdocs> and at the Santa Cruz Public Library at: <https://catalog.santacruzpl.org/polaris/>. A printed copy of the Draft EIR may be reviewed at the City of Santa Cruz Water Department Engineering Counter (212 Locust Street, Suite C in Santa Cruz) by appointment. Please email waterengineering@cityofsantacruz.com or call (831) 420-5210 to schedule an appointment.