

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2020069049

PROJECT NUMBER: 8574-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: IW Conveyance and IW Treatment Facility (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWTF) will be located adjacent to the existing municipal wastewater treatment plant (MWWTP) on Short Road and would comprise a total of approximately 54 acres. Approximately 49 acres are within the City of Gonzales limits and five acres are within Monterey County in the City's sphere of influence (SOI). The proposed industrial wastewater conveyance line will be located mainly within the public City street rights-of-way or existing City sewer easements within Monterey County street rights-of-way, which would parallel the existing wastewater conveyance line that currently conveys wastewater flows to the MWWTP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Separate Industrial Wastewater System. The Project consists of the construction of a 1.0 million gallon per day (MGD) separate Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWTF) and industrial waste collection system to convey industrial flows to the new treatment facility. The new facility would separate domestic and industrial waste flows. The proposed IWTF would be located on 54 acres north of the existing municipal wastewater treatment plant and would include a headworks with influent screening to remove trash and debris; an influent lift station with a flow meter to pump water to an aerated pond system designed to introduce oxygen into wastewater, and effluent percolation beds to dispose of treated effluent. Solids management will consist of periodic dredging and removal of material deposits in the treatment ponds. The proposed industrial wastewater conveyance line would consist of approximately 10,700 linear feet of a sewer pipe (up to 27" diameter) located mainly within the public street rights-of-way or existing City sewer easements, which would parallel the existing wastewater conveyance line that conveys wastewater flows to the MWWTP..

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on May 3, 2024. The City of Gonzales will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will have significant water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Gonzales

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Patrick Dobbins

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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