



**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

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DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: Saeid Vaziry, P.E., Environmental Programs Manager

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND)

This serves as the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) Notice of Availability of the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared in accordance with the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

PROJECT TITLE: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Facility Expansion Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The SCRWA WWTP is located at 1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, Santa Clara County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SCRWA WWTP Facility Expansion Project, proposes to expand the existing WWTP using membrane bioreactor (MBR) technology from the current capacity of 8.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 11 MGD to provide wastewater services to accommodate the planned growth identified in the City of Gilroy's and City of Morgan Hill's General Plans.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECT IMPACTS DISCUSSED IN DOCUMENT: The ISMND did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts and the following mitigation measures have been identified to reduce one or more potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level:

- Mitigation Measure AIR-1: Basic Construction Mitigation Measures and Best Management Practices
- Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Pre-Construction Botanical Surveys
- Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Pre-Construction Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) Training
- Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Avoid Disturbance to Nesting Raptors and Other Nesting Migratory Birds

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The ISMND and supporting documents are available for review and comment during normal business hours at 1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020 and online at <http://www.cityofgilroy.org/561/South-County-Regional-Wastewater-Authori>. Additional hard copies are also available at the City of Gilroy City Hall at 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020 and the Gilroy Library at 350 W 6th Street, Gilroy, CA 95020.

The public review period for this document begins August 31, 2020. The end of the review period has been set for September 29, 2020. In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the finding of the ISMND must be submitted in writing and received by SCRWA no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020, in order to be considered prior to SCRWA's final determination on the project. Please include a name, address, and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject. Please mail, or email your written comments or questions to:

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ADOPTION OF THE ISMND: The project is scheduled for consideration and adoption by SCRWA's Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled Board meeting beginning at 8:00 am on October 7, 2020. Comments submitted during the ISMND review period will be included in the report to the Board of Directors. Opportunity to comment on the project will also be available at the Board meeting.