



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
THE RANCHO CAÑADA SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the general public that the Carmel Area Wastewater District has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rancho Cañada Sewer Replacement Project. The pipeline alignment is not on a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	RANCHO CAÑADA SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b>	Includes the eastern portion of Palo Corona Regional Park and private land in the Carmel Valley
<b>COMMENT PERIOD:</b>	<b>August 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020</b>
<b>LEAD AGENCY:</b>	Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Rachél Lather, Principal Engineer 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93922 831-624-1248
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>	The project would replace an existing CAWD sewer main, which would serve to upsize and upgrade the existing pipeline to address capacity issues to handle current flows and address surcharging. The project includes the installation and operation of a total of 4,240 linear feet (LF) of pipeline, the majority of which would be located alongside the existing alignment. Replacement of the sewer main would include 3,120 LF of 15-inch gravity sewer main, 330 LF of 15-inch sewer main truss, and 790 LF of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sewer main. The replacement pipeline location would generally coincide with the existing pipeline location but would be up to 100 feet apart in some areas. Additional improvements include two new 8-inch stub-outs that would be installed at intermediate manholes to provide future service for a public restroom at Palo Corona Regional Park and an emergency services staging area. A 15-inch plugged connection and 5-foot long capped segment of 15-inch diameter sewer would be provided for future connection/rerouting of wastewater flows, and the existing 10-inch diameter manhole outlet plugged. Sewer lateral connections to the existing sewer main would be reconnected to the new sewer main.

**FINDINGS/DETERMINATION:** The District has prepared an Initial Study on the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The District will therefore consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The public review period for the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on August 31, 2020 and will end on September 30, 2020 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to the attention of Rachél Lather and must be received at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93922 by 5:00 PM on September 30, 2020. Written comments may also be submitted via email to [Lather@cawd.org](mailto:Lather@cawd.org). Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the offices of CAWD, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93922 during the normal office hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and online at [www.cawd.org](http://www.cawd.org).