

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2021010166

Project Title: Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project

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Project Location: Santa Cruz and unincorporated areas
City

Santa Cruz
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Project consists of replacement of 8.75 miles of the existing NCP with a new 24-inch pipeline to address identified deficiencies in pipeline conditions and provide improved access for repairs and maintenance. The new pipeline generally would be installed within existing road pavement, road right-of-way, which includes road pavement and unpaved shoulders adjacent to the paved road, and/or existing City easements. The proposed northern NCP segment extends from the Newell Creek Access Road Bridge just south of Newell Creek Dam to the Felton Booster Pump Station (FBPS) at the intersection of Graham Hill Road and East Zayante Road, and generally follows the existing NCP alignment with a few minor realignments to avoid private property. The proposed southern NCP segment from the FBPS to the GHWTP generally includes a new pipeline alignment along Graham Hill Road, where the existing pipe in Pipeline Road in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park will be realigned into the public ROW. Other components of the Proposed Project include minor appurtenances, such as air release valves and isolation valves. Once the new pipeline is installed, the existing NCP generally would be abandoned in place. Three pipeline sections have been identified for replacement in the near term: two sections along Graham Hill Road in the southern segment, and a pipe section between Brackney Road and Schaaf Road in the northern segment. construction is scheduled to commence in late 2022/early 2023 with an estimated construction schedule of about 24 months for the Graham Hill Road pipe sections and approximately 9 months

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources (special status species, sensitive habitat): Mitigation BIO-1 (Project Siting), BIO-2 (special-status plant surveys), BIO-3 (special status plant species compensation), BIO-4 (sandhills wildlife species protection), BIO-5 (Mount Hermon June beetle protection), BIO-6 (pre-construction special-status amphibian and reptile surveys), BIO-7 (pre-construction San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat survey), BIO-8 (pre-construction nesting surveys), BIO-9 (roosting bat surveys), BIO-10 (biological construction monitoring), BIO-11 (sensitive vegetation communities compensation), BIO-12 (aquatic resource avoidance), BIO-13 (aquatic resources compensation).

Geology (unstable geologic units and paleontological resources): Mitigation GEO-1 (geologic monitoring), GEO-2 (horizontal directional drilling inadvertent fluid return plan), GEO-3 (paleontological resources mitigation program).

Hazardous Materials (location near hazardous materials sites): Mitigation HAZ-1 (hazardous materials management plan).

Hydrology and Water Quality (potential inadvertent release of drilling fluids): Mitigation GEO-2.

Noise (temporary construction noise): Mitigation NOI-1 (construction noise control measures).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region