

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

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 (CAWD) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for pruning eucalyptus trees at the CAWD wastewater treatment plant and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project:

Project Title: Eucalyptus Pruning
Project Location: Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); APN 009-521-004
Comment Period: February 8, 2021 to March 15, 2021
Contact Person: Mr. Patrick Treanor, Plant Engineer
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Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) proposes to prune existing eucalyptus trees at the CAWD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The pruning is being done to control the growth of the trees and to mitigate falling branches. The existing eucalyptus trees have the potential to fall or drop debris which could damage existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure. Where eucalyptus trees are spreading new seedlings, new eucalyptus trees would be removed as part of the work to avoid propagation of this non-native species. There are a total of approximately ninety (90) full grown eucalyptus trees surrounding the WWTP. The existing eucalyptus trees were planted during the 1980's to create a visual screen around the existing wastewater treatment plant. Many of the existing trees have grown to be much higher than they need to be to screen the existing facility. Existing eucalyptus trees around the WWTP range from about 75 to 90 feet tall. CAWD plans to prune the trees to 42 feet tall along the Southern boundary of the WWTP, and 52 feet tall along the Westerly side of the Northern property line.

The IS/MND shall be made available for public review on the CAWD website at www.cawd.org and at the following location:

Carmel Area Wastewater District
Administrative Offices
3945 Rio Road
Carmel, CA 93922

Please submit any comments on the IS/MND in writing to Attn: Patrick Treanor by email, hand delivery or postal carrier to the above noted Contact before 5:00 PM on March 15th, 2021. A public hearing to approve said IS/MND before the CAWD Board has been scheduled for April 29th, 2021 at the CAWD Board Chambers located at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93922.