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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts may be avoided. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at www.sccoplanning.com under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Matt Johnston of the Environmental Review staff at (831) 454-3201

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PROJECT: Arana Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project; APN(S): 009-291-44, 025-051-15, 025-051-16, 025-051-17, 025-051-18, 025-054-01, 025-054-06, 025-121-02, 025-131-11, 025-141-01; 025-141-14

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves replacement of approximately 2,900 linear feet of aging and deteriorated existing sewer trunk line and associated manholes. The project consists of 13 sewer line segments, which occur in between existing manholes. These segments are part of the trunk line that conveys wastewater to the City of Santa Cruz wastewater treatment plant. The replacement pipes would be installed using trenchless methods (pipe-bursting) where possible and conventional (open cut) trenching methods with excavators and loaders where trenchless methods cannot be used. Installation of Segment 6 under Highway 1 will utilize either a bore-and-jack technique or micro-tunneling. Segments 8A and 12 under Arana Gulch Creek will be replaced using pipe-bursting methods to avoid impacts to the perennial creek.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project generally extends from Brookwood Drive (north of Highway 1) to Soquel Avenue at La Fonda Avenue (south of Highway 1). Portions of the existing pipeline south of Highway 1 are located within the Santa Cruz city limits near the intersection of Soquel Avenue and La Fonda Avenue and along the southern boundary of Harbor High School; the portion of the pipeline east of Harbor High is located within unincorporated Santa Cruz County. Santa Cruz County is bounded on the north by San Mateo County, on the south by Monterey and San Benito counties, on the east by Santa Clara County, and on the south and west by the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

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ACTION: Mitigated Negative Declaration

REVIEW PERIOD: February 17, 2021 through March 18, 2021

This project will be considered at a public hearing before the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District Board of Directors. The time, date, and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.