

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY AND
SUSTAINABILITY UPGRADES PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West County Wastewater District (WCW) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Comprehensive Energy and Sustainability Upgrades Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Location: The project area consists of several WCW facilities located throughout Contra Costa County, California. Project activities would primarily occur at the existing Water Quality Resource and Recovery Plant (WQRRP) site located at 2377 Garden Tract Road in the City of Richmond. The project area also includes portions of several other existing WCW sites: Atlas Pump Station (1600 Atlas Road, Richmond), WCW Headquarters (2910 Hilltop Drive, Richmond), the Lakeside Pump Station at Hilltop Lake Park (3223 Blume Drive, Richmond), and Tara Hills Pump Station (2250 Tara Hills Drive, San Pablo).

Proposed Project: The proposed project involves the replacement and modernization of equipment and infrastructure at the existing Water Quality Resource and Recovery Plant (WQRRP), as well as, installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facilities at several WCW facilities, including the WQRRP, Atlas Pump Station, WCW Headquarters (PV facilities and electric vehicle charging stations), Lakeside Pump Station, and Tara Hills Pump Station. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce energy consumption and improve operational efficiency.

Findings: The Initial Study prepared by the WCW was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, WCW staff has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review: The IS/MND is available for review online at <https://www.wc wd.org/about-us/plans-documents/>. Written comments will be accepted from **March 26, 2021 to April 26, 2021**. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must submit written comments to the following:

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In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the WCW Headquarters are currently closed to the public. If you require additional accommodation to review the IS/MND, please contact Susan Pan at the email or phone number listed above.