

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 replacing existing pipeline infrastructure that crosses over the Carmel River Lagoon and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project:

Project Title: CRFREE Mitigation Pipeline Undergrounding Project
Project Location: Carmel River Lagoon; APN 243-021-007, APN 243-011-001, APN 243-031-037
Comment Period: June 25, 2021 to July 26, 2021
Contact Person: Mr. Patrick Treanor, Plant Engineer
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The purpose of the project is to replace existing wastewater pipelines that currently span the south arm of the Carmel River Lagoon with new pipelines installed deep below the bed of the lagoon so that they would not be subject to damage by increased river flows in the south arm created by the CRFREE project being proposed by Monterey County. The new pipelines are proposed to be installed under the lagoon by means of horizontal directional drilling installation methods in order to minimize the amount of ground disturbance required to install replacement pipelines. Once the new pipelines are installed and connected to the existing pipes on either side of the lagoon, the existing aerial pipe structure crossing over the south arm of the Carmel River Lagoon will be removed.

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 July 26th, 2021. A public hearing to approve said IS/MND before the CAWD Board has been scheduled for August 26th, 2021 at the CAWD Board Chambers located at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93922.