

CITY OF ST. HELENA

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mills Lane Storm Drain Improvements Project

Subject: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15072, to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public that the City of St. Helena proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mills Lane Storm Drain Improvements Project. The Initial Study prepared for the Project identifies potentially significant environmental impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance.

Project Location: The proposed Project involves storm drain improvements along the entirety of Mills Lane, as well as through portions of (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 009-070-029 and 009-120-060).

Project Description: Stormwater from the west side of the City is currently conveyed east under Highway 29 and discharges on the north side of Mills Lane. The proposed Project consists of a new storm drain that will convey this runoff, as well as drainage from runoff east of Highway 29, and can service future development in the area, discharging to the Napa River. The proposed Project entails construction of a new storm drain within Mills Lane, which is a City street for most of its length, from its intersection with State Highway 29 east to the Napa River. The proposed storm drain system connects to an existing 30" storm drain pipe at a new drop inlet structure. The new storm drain will consist of 45 feet of 36" pipe, 894 feet of 48" pipe, and 3,867 feet of 60" pipe. All proposed storm drain pipe will either be reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) or HDPE. The total length of the proposed storm drain is approximately 4,900 feet. The storm drain will discharge to the west bank of the Napa River approximately 600 feet east of the terminus of Mills Lane. Some road repaving will be necessary; however, no above-ground structures are proposed.

Public Review: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15073, the IS/MND public review period during which written comments will be accepted extends for a period of 30 days and from **September 20, 2021** through **October 19, 2021**.

City Council Meeting Date/Time: November 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Location: In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation may be required. If not, the meeting will be held at the Vintage Hall Board Room located on the St. Helena High School Campus, at 465 Main Street, St. Helena, CA, 95474.

What Will Happen: You may submit comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration to the City during the 30-day review period. After the comment period, the City Council will consider all public testimony and approve, approve with modifications, or deny the IS/MND and/or the proposed Project at the November 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

For More Information: Further information about the proposed Project, including the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, copies of proposed Project plans and related documentation, may be obtained from the St. Helena Public Works Department, 1572 Railroad Avenue, St. Helena CA, 94574 or on the City's website (<https://www.cityofstheleena.org/publicworks/project/r20-02-mills-lane-storm-drain-project>).

Written comments on the adequacy of the environmental impact analysis must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021**, to the following address:

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