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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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From: City of Wheatland  
111 C Street  
Wheatland, CA 95692  
(530) 633-2761

To: County Clerk  
Yuba County

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021110022

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project

Contact Person: Tim Raney, Community Development Director, City of Wheatland, 111 C Street, Wheatland, CA 95692

Project Location: The project site consists of an approximately eight-mile-long area of sewer pipeline alignment. The project is a regional sewer infrastructure improvement project that extends through properties within the City of Wheatland and unincorporated Yuba County. Generally, the pipeline alignment would extend from an existing pump station near the City's existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) north to a point of connection with the Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) wastewater system in an unincorporated area of the County. The proposed pipeline alignment generally extends north/northeast along roadways within the City of Wheatland (City), and then along roadways and farmland in unincorporated Yuba County (County).

Project Description: The primary goal of the proposed project is to construct the necessary pipelines and pump stations to successfully convey all current and future wastewater into a regional sewer system serving south Yuba County. The proposed pipeline would connect to OPUD's force main (currently under design) near Rancho Road and State Route 65. OPUD would convey the flow to OPUD's WWTP, where the flows would be treated to a tertiary level and discharged into a tributary to the Feather River. Additionally, three new pump stations would be constructed along the new pipeline to convey all projected flows to the OPUD point of connection and a new Public Works corporation yard would be constructed within the Pump Station 2 site. After construction of the pipeline and pump stations, it is anticipated that the City's existing WWTP would be decommissioned, though the possibility exists for the WWTP to remain in operation for an interim period. Decommissioning of the existing WWTP would result in the City losing its current base of operations for wastewater personnel, equipment, and controls. This loss of space at the existing WWTP would be offset by the construction of a new corporation yard at the location for Pump Station 2. The eight-mile pipeline alignment would begin at the existing pump station on Malone Avenue and head due east from the pump station, across a largely vacant parcel, then under SR 65 and the UPRR mainline track, to proceed east along Sixth Street to Spenceville Road. The proposed alignment would follow Spenceville Road for approximately one-mile just past its intersection with Jasper Lane, then connect to Pump Station 2, at which point the pipeline alignment would head due north along Jasper Lane for approximately 2.3 miles. From the northmost end of Jasper Lane, the pipeline would head due west through private farmland property and would be routed along existing dirt roads to the maximum extent feasible to avoid sensitive habitats and active agricultural lands. Shortly after crossing Best Slough, the pipeline alignment would head north and cross two UPRR spur tracks after which it would head west on a short segment of South Beale Road, where it would turn north toward a proposed undercrossing at the UPRR mainline, near the intersection of SR 65 and Rancho Road to the point of connection with OPUD's sewer system.

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The following entitlements have been approved in order to accommodate the proposed project:

- Certification of an EIR and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- Approval of 90 percent Improvement Plans.

This is to advise that the City of Wheatland approved the above-described project on February 28, 2023. The City of Wheatland has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not have] a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.)  
A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the EIR and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the City of Wheatland, 111 C Street, Wheatland, CA 95692.

  
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Signature (Public Agency)

Community Development Director  
Title

3/1/2023  
Date

**Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR:**