

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The San Miguel Community Services District, acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regular meeting on July 28, 2022 for the San Miguel Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade/Expansion Project (Project). The District owns and operates the WWTF, located in the community of San Miguel, County of San Luis Obispo, California. The WWTF occupies approximately 38.4 acres comprising four separate parcels, including Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 021-051-013, -015, -016 and -017. The main plant occupies approximately 17.8 acres, while the remaining 20.6 acres are located within the channel of the Salinas River to the east of the plant and mapped as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Special Flood Hazard Zone A. The WWTF underwent the most recent significant upgrades in the 1990's and these were completed in 2001 bringing its current and permitted capacity up to 200,000 gallons per day (0.2 million gallons per day). The District currently treats an average of approximately 170,000 gallons per day. As noted in the Final EIR, San Miguel is expected to grow to a population of 3,658 in the year 2035 (County of San Luis Obispo 2016a). The District acknowledges that the existing WWTF is nearing capacity and has therefore proposed the WWTF expansion and upgrade (proposed project) to meet population projections and to comply with regulatory requirements. Physical improvements that would occur as part of the proposed project include improvements to the collection system/reclaimed water system, pumping station, septic receiving station, office and laboratory facilities, and additional maintenance and equipment storage/shop facilities; upgrading and modernizing the electrical controls and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; and upgrading the backup power generation facilities. With the exception of a new treatment processing pad and all-weather access road and associated grading as well as solar panels, all project components would be located within the main WWTF. The new treatment processing pad and grading would be located to the north of the main WWTF on land owned by the District that is routinely maintained and cleared.

Printed copies of the Negative Declaration will be available at the San Miguel Community Services District Office located at 1150 Mission St, San Miguel, CA 93451. Written comments should be submitted to the San Miguel Community Services District by 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2022. Submit comments to the following: San Miguel Community Services District Office, 1150 Mission St, San Miguel, CA 93451 Attention: Kelly Dodds, Director of Utilities by email at Kelly Dodds kelly.dodds@sanmiguelcsd.org.