

SEWERAGE COMMISSION-OROVILLE REGION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sewerage Commission-Oroville Region (SC-OR) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. The public hearing will be held by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm, at the Board's office, 2880 S. 5th Ave, Oroville, CA 95965.

The Project includes construction of a variety of structures, devices and plumbing to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant located in the City of Oroville. The current plant has an operational capacity of 10.6 million gallons per day (MGD). Although the Project is not a capacity expansion project but rather an upgrade project to improve the quality of water discharged and handle existing peak flows (estimated at +25 MGD), the component upgrades will result in a minor residual additional average flow capacity increase of about 9%. The upgrades to the plant will add 1,852 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) to the current 20,703 EDUs, for total new capacity of 13.3 MGD.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office, 2880 S. 5th Ave, Oroville, CA 95965. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on July 8, 2022 and end on August 8, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.