



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Sonoma County Clerk

Project Title: Laguna Treatment Plant Flood Protection Project

Lead Agency: City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department
69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Review Period: December 21, 2022, to January 27, 2023

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Rosa has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City's Laguna Treatment Plant Flood Protection Project.

Project Description and Location

The City of Santa Rosa owns and operates the Laguna Treatment Plant (LTP) serving the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, and the South Park County Sanitation District. The LTP is a critical facility located adjacent to the Laguna de Santa Rosa where major storm events have in the past inundated the site with up to three feet of water and debris. The Project includes installation of a flood protection berm, flood gate, warning system and barrier arms, pier and lagging retaining wall, modifications to the existing stormwater system, and modifications to Llano Road at the LTP entrance. The Project is located at, and within the vicinity of, the LTP at 4300 Llano Road in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. Improvements would occur within the LTP site, with some ancillary improvements occurring along Llano Road.

The Project site is listed on the Cortese List twice. Once as a Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Clean-Up Site and second for operating a permitted underground storage tank. The LUST Clean-Up Site has been designated as "case closed" meaning no further action is required. The permitted underground storage tank is currently being operated according to state regulations and does not pose a risk.

Providing Comments

Due to the upcoming holidays, an extended public review period is being provided from December 21, 2022, to January 27, 2023, thus increasing the required 30-day review period to 38 days. The IS/MND will be available for public review online at <http://cippublic.srcity.org/ProjPages/544.html> and at the following location:

- City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department, 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND for the Project during the review period. Comments may be directed to the attention of Andy Wilt at 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or awilt@srcity.org.

After the review period closes, the Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities (BPU) will consider a recommendation to adopt the IS/MND for the Project during a regularly scheduled public meeting. At this time the recommendation to adopt has not been scheduled but is anticipated to occur in April 2023. We encourage you to check the BPU webpage to confirm the date and time of the BPU meeting at the following website address: <https://www.srcity.org/686/Board-of-Public-Utilities>