

# LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED Laguna County Sanitation District Santa Maria Country Club Recycled Water Pipeline Project

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Laguna County Sanitation District (LCSD) proposes to expand its recycled water distribution system by extending recycled water service to the Santa Maria Country Club. The project consists of a pipeline extension from its recycled water distribution project to Waller Park located adjacent to the Santa Maria Country Club.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site consists of the Santa Maria Country Club, located at the western terminus of West Waller Lane, and a portion of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Trail, both located in the City of Santa Maria.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The LCSD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Project Manager identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on July 28, 2023. Due to the non-complex nature of this project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** Components of the proposed project include pipelines to connect the existing recycled water tank and pump station at Waller Park to existing ponds at the Santa Maria Country Club, and valves at each pond to control inflow of recycled wastewater. Based on the existing production of recycled water by the Wastewater Reclamation Plant and commitments to provide recycled water to other users, the LCSD may only be able to meet a portion of the irrigation demand of the Country Club. However, production of recycled water may increase over time as development occurs in the LCSD service area and wastewater inflows to the Wastewater Reclamation Plant increase, which may allow a greater proportion of the Country Club's irrigation demand to be met. Five 8-inch diameter buried pipeline segments would be installed to connect the LCSD's existing recycled water storage tank and pump station at Waller Park to the existing east pond and the larger of the two west ponds at the Country Club. Portions of the pipeline will be on Santa Maria Country Club property while segment 1 will be located on APN 111-291-033 by an easement or possibly through the fee acquisition of a portion of APN 111-291-033, which houses the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Trail.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The LCSD has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. Issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **biological resources, cultural resources, noise and recreation.**

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If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** If a copy of MND is not attached, the draft MND may be obtained and all documents referenced in the MND may be reviewed at the LCSD offices located at 620 Foster Road, Santa Maria. Draft documents are also available for review at the City Library at 421 S. McClelland Street, Santa Maria.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Comments should be provided to the Project Manager, Martin Wilder at 620 Foster Road, Santa Maria, (805) 803-8755 or [mwilder@countyofsb.org](mailto:mwilder@countyofsb.org) prior to the close of the public comment period on **July 28, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

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