

July 18, 2023

TO: California Office of Planning and Research, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Public Notice - Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

LEAD AGENCY: Orange County Sanitation District

PROJECT TITLE: Taft Sewer Improvement Project

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project described below and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis and mitigation measures described in the IS/MND. A 30-day public comment period begins on July 18, 2023. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comment. All comments must be received no later than **August 17, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.** Please send your comments to Kevin Hadden at the address shown below, or email to [CEQA@ocsan.gov](mailto:CEQA@ocsan.gov).

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PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project would be located in the City of Orange, in Orange County, California. The project would be constructed within the existing City of Orange right-of-way, along Meats Avenue from west of Santiago Boulevard to Breckenridge Street, south along Sacramento Street, west along Taft Avenue, crossing California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) State Route 55, south along Tustin Street, and west along Taft Avenue to Glassell Street. The project area is depicted in **Figure 1**.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Taft Sewer Improvement Project (proposed project) involves construction and operation of new and replacement sewer pipeline within a developed area of the City of Orange. The proposed project would replace, in place, approximately 11,000 feet of sewer pipeline and service laterals, and abandon approximately 8,000 feet of existing OC San

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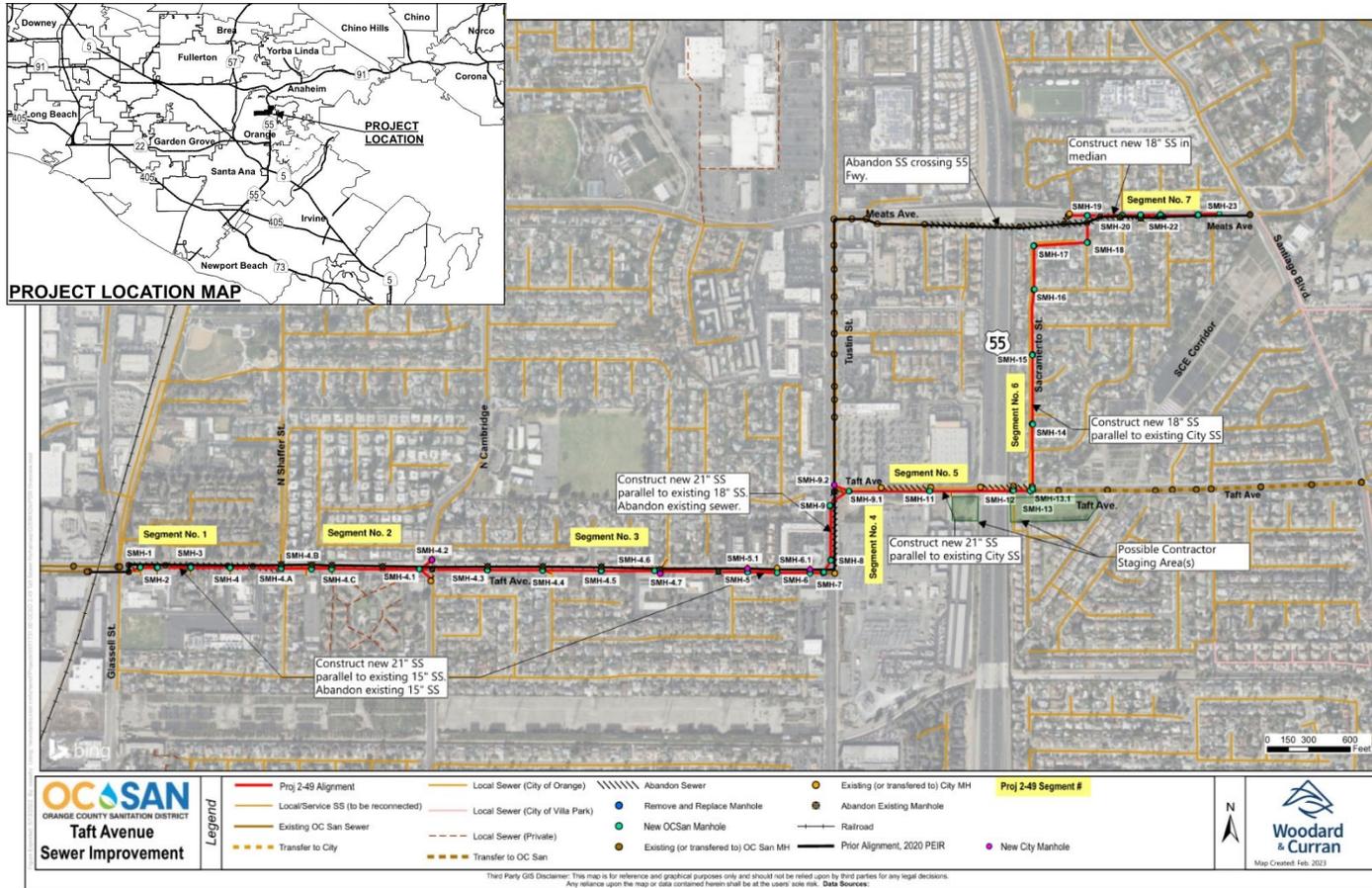
sewer pipeline. Thirty-nine (39) new maintenance holes are scheduled to be constructed along the pipeline replacement segment and 32 maintenance holes would be removed. The proposed project would increase the capacity of a portion of the Taft Branch regional sewer to meet existing and anticipated demand.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** An IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000, et seq.) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 15000, et seq.). The IS/MND states that any potential impacts of the project can be mitigated to less than significant. The IS/MND identifies and discusses potential impacts and mitigation measures for the identified subject areas. Potentially significant effects on the environment that can be mitigated are anticipated in the following areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/MND is available online for public review at <https://www.ocsan.gov/CEQA>. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for public review at the following locations:

- OC San, Administrative Office Bldg., Engineering Planning Department, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- City of Orange Public Library, Taft Branch, 740 E. Taft Avenue, Orange, CA 92865
- City of Orange Public Library, Main, 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866

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Taft Sewer Improvement Project  
**Figure 1**  
 Regional Location