

Date: August 26, 2024

To: Dear Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

Subject: Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Redding Pump Station 1 Replacement Project
State Clearinghouse No. 2024010756
Use Permit Application UP-2024-01017

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the City of Redding's (City) proposed Pump Station 1 (PS1) Replacement Project is now available for public review and comment. The Draft EIR and technical appendices are available for public review and comment for a 45-day review period beginning on **Monday, August 26, 2024** and extending through **Thursday, October 10, 2024**. A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**. More information is provided below.

Project Location: The project is located within the City of Redding in Shasta County, California, on the southern or right bank of the Sacramento River, approximately 0.3 miles upstream of the Diestelhorst Bridge and approximately 0.7 mile upstream of the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Diversion Dam, adjacent to the Sacramento River Trail.

Project Description: A Draft EIR was prepared to evaluate the potential impact of the City's proposed project to replace the existing Pump House No. 1 on the Sacramento River, with a new fish screened intake and pumping plant, which would be located approximately 1,400 feet upstream of the existing pump station, as well as the restoration of Jenny Creek to an open channel. The objectives of this project are to improve the fish screens, increase intake capacity, update the design and service standards, and restore habitat along Jenny Creek. The new pump station would consist of five 900-horsepower vertical turbine pumps with electric motors, an electrical room, and a staff restroom within an approximately 4,000-square-foot pump station building. The new screened intake structure would entail two cylindrical fish screens that would be electrically operated 42-inch-diameter by 60-inch-long rotating drum wedge wire screen to accommodate a capacity of up to 42 million gallons per day. Additionally, a new access road from Overhill Drive to the Sacramento River Trail would be constructed along an existing pedestrian trail for access to the project site.

Environmental Review Findings: The majority of the potentially significant impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing mitigation measures proposed in the Draft EIR, with the exception of the temporary increase in ambient noise levels due to construction activities. All other environmental effects would be less than significant or would not create an adverse effect.

Document Review Availability: The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment. An electronic version of this Draft EIR is available on the City's website at https://www.cityofredding.gov/government/departments/development_services/planning/current_project_applications.php. Printed copies of this Draft EIR are available for review at the City of Redding Planning Department at 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, CA 96001 and the City of Redding Public Library at 1100 Parkview Ave, Redding, CA 96001.

Public Hearing Time and Location: One public hearing during the 45-day Draft EIR review period will be held during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024** at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California. The purpose of the meeting is to afford the Planning Commission, agencies, and interested members of the public an opportunity to submit comments on the Draft EIR, although no action on the project will be taken. There will be no transcription of comments. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments on the Draft EIR considered must submit them in writing.

Public Review Period for the Draft EIR: Written comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted during the 45-day public review period, which begins **Monday, August 26, 2024** and ends **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments postmarked by **October 10, 2024** will be accepted. Delivered, or emailed comments received by **October 10, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. will also be accepted. Please direct your comments to the attention of Amber Kelley, City of Redding Public Works, Water Utility Division, 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, California 96001. Comments may also be emailed to Amber Kelley at akelley@cityofredding.org. Pursuant to Section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the City's discretion.

Sincerely,



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