



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ADDENDUM TO THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project

DATE: May 9, 2025

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has prepared a Addendum to the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (Addendum) for the project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the Addendum may do so in writing within the 31-day public review period from May 9, 2025 through 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2025.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site encompasses 2.5 acres in the eastern portion of Santa Clarita. An 0.7-mile sewer line would begin on an overbank adjacent to the north of the Santa Clara River and south of SR 14. The sewer line would travel generally east to Sand Canyon Road, where it would redirect north along Sand Canyon Road, then redirect and terminate east in two locations near existing commercial uses. A majority of the project site is located in an undeveloped area to the north of the Santa Clara River, as well as along the northern bank of the Santa Clara River. Residential uses are also located adjacent to the north of the project site. A portion of the project site is located along Sand Canyon Road and terminates near existing commercial uses east of the right-of-way. The eastern portion of the project site contains three former leaking underground storage tank cleanup sites adjacent to Sand Canyon Road, which are identified on hazardous site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the project location and project features.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) adopted the Final IS-MND for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project on October 1, 2024 (State Clearinghouse No. 2024030871). As originally proposed, the project includes construction of approximately 3,500 feet of 21-inch and 15-inch sewer pipeline along the north side of the Santa Clara River. The goal is to move the existing sewer line out of the river's flow path and into the adjacent overbank, and the project would involve abandoning the existing sewer line in place. The eastern end of the new sewer line will be within Sand Canyon Road, terminating near existing commercial areas, while the western end will connect to the existing line west of Mitchell Hill. The project will temporarily impact an area of about 104,000 square feet. Additionally, the project includes a 12-foot paved access road and bank protection for the new sewer line, with two 16-foot-wide bridges over drainage features. The bank protection will consist of an 8-foot-wide soil cement section with varied height, and the adjacent bed will be vegetated with native species.

SCV Water now proposes modifications to the Original Project, referred to as the "Modified Project." The Modified Project includes an expansion of the project site, minor modifications and adjustments to the access road/multipurpose trail alignment, minor modifications and adjustments to the soil cement bank protection to include rock slope protection in three locations, the removal of the exposed portions of nine manholes from within the Santa Clara River channel, and new access routes from the southern bank of the Santa Clara River to the manhole locations.



SCV Water has prepared an Addendum to the Final IS-MND for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project, and determined that the Modified Project would not result in a new significant environmental effect, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Addendum to the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the Modified Project. The Addendum describes the environmental impacts of the Modified Project and incorporates mitigation measures from the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. The Addendum also incorporates an additional mitigation measure to reduce impacts to biological resources. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. The Addendum determined there are no new or substantially more severe significant impacts associated with the Modified Project beyond those identified in the adopted Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration. No further evaluation of environmental impacts is required for the Modified Project, no Subsequent IS-MND is necessary per CEQA Guidelines Section 15162; and an Addendum is the appropriate level of environmental analysis and documentation for the proposed project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

The Addendum is available for public review for 31 days from May 9, 2025 through June 9, 2025 on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website (<https://yourscvwater.com/departments/engineering/environmental-review>)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2025. Please address comments to:

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Figure 1 Project Site Location Map – Western Extent



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Fig 2 Modified Project Features - Western Extent



Figure 2 Project Site Location Map – Eastern Extent



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Fig 3 Modified Project Features - Eastern Extent