

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SCENIC ROAD PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with §15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the public that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) has completed an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Scenic Road Pipeline Replacement Project (project). The pipeline alignment is not on a list of hazardous materials sites enumerated under §65962.5 of the Government Code.

PROJECT TITLE: SCENIC ROAD PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project alignment is located in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and unincorporated County of Monterey, California. The project alignment is generally along the Scenic Road right-of-way between Ocean Avenue and Martin Way in Carmel-by-the Sea, and between Martin Way and the existing Bay and Scenic pump station at Carmel Point in unincorporated Monterey County. The project alignment is also along Santa Lucia Avenue, San Antonio Avenue, Valley View Avenue, 15th Avenue, Carmelo Street, Camino Real, 14th Avenue, and Dolores Street, and private property associated with the Mission Ranch hotel and restaurant in the County of Monterey.

COMMENT PERIOD: April 19, 2024 through May 28, 2024

LEAD AGENCY: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project would replace existing CAWD sewer mains. The project includes the installation and operation of a total of 10,561 linear feet (LF), or approximately 2.0 miles, of pipeline. The pipeline would be constructed via pipe bursting and open trench excavation. All excavation would be within roadway right-of-way and within soils that were previously disturbed during installation of the existing pipeline. There are existing sewer laterals located along the project alignment that connect each home to the sewer main. A total of 235 lateral reconnections would be completed on streets where sewer line replacement would occur. The purpose of the project is to replace aging wastewater infrastructure and improve the long-term reliability of the wastewater system. The improvements are not intended to increase conveyance capacity.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION:

CAWD has prepared a Draft IS-MND for the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. CAWD will therefore consider adoption of the IS-MND for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS:

Any written comments on the IS-MND should be sent to the attention of Patrick Treanor and must be received by 5:00 PM on May 28, 2024. Written comments may be submitted via mail to 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923 or via email to treanor@cawd.org. Copies of the Draft IS-MND are available for review at the offices of CAWD, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923 during the normal office hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and online at www.cawd.org.