

- Topic:** Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Residuals Management Project
- What:** Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Why:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), as the lead agency for the proposed Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Residuals Management Project, has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate environmental impacts of the Project.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.), an Initial Study of the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Residuals Management Project was prepared to evaluate environmental impacts. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of review. This is a Notice of Intent to adopt an MND for this project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072.

**Project Location:** The Project is located within the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant, addressed as 3959 Whitman Way, San Jose, CA 95132.

**Project Description:** Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Residuals Management Project (Project) involves improvements to various components of the PWTP Residuals Management System. The existing PWTP operations are constrained due to inefficiencies of the Residuals Management System in meeting current regulatory standards. The project will address the following components of the PWTP Residuals Management System: washwater handling and treatment, sludge handling and dewatering, and sedimentation basin sludge withdrawal. The project would address age, capacity, efficiency, and reliability issues with the existing Residuals Management System. Additionally, the project would ensure that the PWTP efficiently and reliably provides potable water to retailers in Valley Water's service area and meets current regulatory standards. The project construction is proposed to begin in 2025 and be complete by 2030.

**Public Review:** Valley Water will release the Draft IS/MND on the project for public review beginning on Friday **September 27, 2024**, and ending on Monday **October 28, 2024**. The Draft IS/MND may be reviewed at [valleywater.org/public-review-documents](https://valleywater.org/public-review-documents).

The Draft IS/MND is also available for in-person review during normal business hours at:

- Valley Water, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San José, CA 95118
- City of San Jose, Berryessa Branch Library located at 3355 Noble Ave, San Jose, CA 95132.

The public comment period on the Draft MND will run for 30 days upon Valley Water's electronic posting of the document beginning Friday September 27, 2024. The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. on **Monday October 28, 2024**.

**Comments:** Written comments can be emailed to [PWTPcomments@valleywater.org](mailto:PWTPcomments@valleywater.org). Please include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and add "Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Residuals Management Project" in the subject line.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be submitted electronically via email or by hard copy via US mail by 5 p.m. not later than 5 pm on **Monday, October 28, 2024**.

Comments by US Mail should be sent to:

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