

Notice of Intent to Adopt a
Mitigated Negative Declaration



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 Vasona Pump Station (VPS) Upgrade 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 Title: Vasona Pump Station Upgrade Project

Project Description: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is proposing the project to modernize major equipment at the VPS that has reached the end of its useful life, improve the operational reliability and flexibility of Valley Water's water supply system, and meet projected future demand for treated water. The future demand for treated water is based on the growth approved by the local jurisdictions and presented in their adopted General Plans. Existing booster pumps, flow meters, motor controls, a pad-mounted electrical transformer, electrical power distribution and control systems, and telemetry equipment would be replaced and upgraded. A new diesel standby generator and aboveground diesel storage tank with double containment would be installed within a noise-attenuating enclosure. All improvements would occur within previously developed areas, with the majority of the improvements being installed indoors inside of existing structures. Construction would occur 8AM to 6PM Monday through Friday and is anticipated to take 18 months to complete. Although the exact timing is still unknown, most likely, it would be broken down into three 6-month phases, with each phase occurring sometime between October and April between 2027 and 2032.

Project Location: The project is located at 14545 Oka Road in Los Gatos.

Public Review: The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) is available online at: www.valleywater.org/public-review-documents. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for public review at the following locations:

- Valley Water Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
- Los Gatos Public Library, 100 Villa Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Public comments on the Draft IS/MND should be submitted by mail or email by **5 p.m. on January 23, 2025** to:

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