

City of Hollister

Public Works Department

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVIEW AND ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: January 15, 2025

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Valenzuela Water System Upgrade Project

Lead Agency: City of Hollister

Project Title: Valenzuela Water System Upgrade Project

Notice is hereby given that the City of Hollister (City) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Valenzuela Water System Upgrade Project. The City is inviting your comments.

Project Description and

Location: The City of Hollister (City) proposes to connect the Valenzuela Water System (VWS) to the City's public water system through installation of two parallel 8-inch diameter water pipelines (water pipelines) which would be buried a minimum of 4 feet in a 44-inch-wide trench within Nash Road. The 0.51-mile length of the water pipelines would connect to the existing distribution system at Rancho Valenzuela. At the San Benito River, the water pipelines would be attached to the north side of the Nash Road Bridge to avoid entering the jurisdictional limits of the San Benito River. The tanks, pumps and perimeter fencing of the original VWS at Rancho Valenzuela would be abandoned as a potable water source. The proposed project is located in the County of San Benito (County) and the City, extending along Nash Road from Rancho Valenzuela, within the County, to the Nash Road/Westside Boulevard intersection, within the City.

Environmental Review:

The Draft IS/MND identifies no impacts to agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, energy, land use/planning, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, and wildfire. Less-than-significant would occur on aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, public services, transportation, and utilities and service systems. Once mitigation measures are implemented, the proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact on hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and tribal cultural resources.

Document Availability:

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for 30 days and has been placed on the City's website under "Other Documents": https://hollister.ca.gov/government/community_services/engineering/index.php Copies of the draft IS/MND are also available upon request through the Public Works Department general phone number at (831) 636-4370, or at City Hall.

Submitting Comments:

Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 14, 2025** to be included in the final document and considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send written comments to the following address: **City of Hollister, Public Works Department, Attn: William Via, 1321 South Street, Hollister, CA 95023** or email your comments to william.via@hollister.ca.gov with "Valenzuela Water System Upgrade Project" in the subject line.
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