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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: September 7, 2018

To: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report for the Clean Water Program; Underground Flow Equalization System Project, San Mateo County Event Center

Location: City of San Mateo, California

The City of San Mateo ("City") is initiating the Underground Flow Equalization System Project ("Project") (formerly known as the In-System Storage Facility), located at the San Mateo County Event Center as part of the City's Clean Water Program. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City has determined that the Project requires an Environmental Impact Report, or EIR.

The City requests your input on how the proposed Project may affect the environment. More specifically, it is soliciting input on the scope and content of environmental analysis relative to your individual or agency's statutory or regulatory responsibility to ascertain potential impacts of the proposed Project. The City will consider your input during preparation of the EIR. A description of the proposed Project, location map, and preliminary identification of potential environmental effects are attached.

If your agency is a responsible agency as defined in Section 15381 of the State CEQA Guidelines, your agency will need to use the environmental documents prepared by the City when considering your permit or approval of action.

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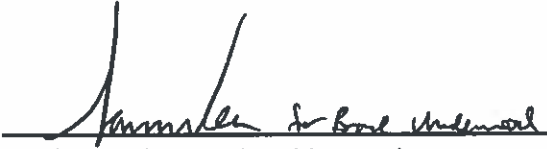
Due to the limits mandated by State law, you should submit your comments as soon as possible, but no later than October 22, 2018, or 40 days after receipt of this notice per CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b). Please send your written comments, along with the name of your agency and contact person to:

San Mateo Public Works Engineering PMO
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403
Attention: Heather Waldrop

Comments can also be emailed to heather.waldrop@jacobs.com.

A public scoping meeting will be held on October 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm at City Council Chambers, 330 W. 20th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. If you have any questions regarding this NOP or the scoping meeting, please contact Heather Waldrop by mail or email as noted above.

For general information about the CWP, please visit the CWP website at: www.CleanWaterProgramSanMateo.org, or contact (650) 727-6870 or info@cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org.


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Project Title

City of San Mateo, Clean Water Program, Underground Flow Equalization System Project, San Mateo County Event Center (proposed Project or Project)

Lead Agency Name and Address

City of San Mateo
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Contact Person and Phone Number

Heather Waldrop
(530) 229-3249

Project History and Background

The proposed Project is a part of the City's Clean Water Program. The City previously certified a programmatic EIR for the Clean Water Program (2016 Final PEIR, SCH 2015032006) on June 6, 2016. As defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, "A Program EIR is an EIR which may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related either: (1) Geographically, (2) As logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions, (3) In connection with issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program, or (4) As individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects which can be mitigated in similar ways."

The 2016 Final PEIR evaluated the entire CWP at a conceptual level and provided a project-level analysis where possible. At the time of the preparation of the Final PEIR, it was expected that the proposed Project would require further environmental review, when more project-specific information was available, sufficient to address all potential environmental impacts at a detailed level.

The City, as lead agency under CEQA, is now proceeding with the EIR for the Project, which will tier from the previously certified 2016 Final PEIR and provide a project-level review of environmental impacts.

Project Location

The proposed Project is within the City of San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant service area. The location of the proposed Project is the San Mateo County Event Center (Event Center) property between Saratoga Drive and S. Delaware Street, in the city of San Mateo, San Mateo County, California. The underground structure portion of the Project would be located in the east corner of the Event Center parking lot, adjacent to Saratoga Drive (Assessor's Parcel Number 040 030 220). The northernmost point of the site is located at approximately latitude 37°32'51.13"N, longitude 122°17'53.78"W. Diversion sewer pipelines would be installed under S. Delaware Street and Saratoga Drive.

Description of Project

The proposed Project consists of a new underground wastewater temporary holding structure, pump station, odor control equipment room, and associated diversion pipelines. The temporary holding structure is an underground concrete basin that will temporarily hold wastewater flows upstream from the existing Dale Avenue Pump Station, which is located immediately upstream of the City's wastewater treatment plant.

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The temporary holding structure would have an approximate volume of up to 5.3 million gallons. During significant storm events, diversion pipelines would route wet weather flows from the existing sewers to the temporary holding structure. The concrete temporary holding structure would temporarily store excess wet weather flows for up to 24 hours after the storm event subsides. Once the storm has subsided and the downstream collection system has available capacity, an effluent pump station inside the holding structure would pump the stored diluted wastewater back into the sanitary sewer collection system via a new force main. Some minor appurtenances, including access hatches, an electrical building, and vents for treated air would be at or above the ground surface. The temporary holding structure also would provide short-term wastewater storage to facilitate future sewer construction projects and operations and maintenance activities, such as pipeline inspection and cleaning. The Project also would include a new emergency diesel generator to allow processes to continue during periods of power outages. Approximate locations of the temporary holding structure, force main, and diversion pipelines are shown in Figure 1.

Potential Environmental Impacts to Be Considered

The City will prepare a Draft EIR to analyze potential environmental consequences of implementing the proposed Project. Topics to be analyzed in the Draft EIR include but are not limited to:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geological Resources
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Cumulative Impacts

Other Agencies Whose Approval May Be Required

Several other agencies may have responsibility for carrying out approvals for the proposed Project, including the following:

- County of San Mateo
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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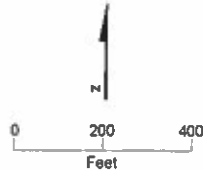


FIGURE 1
Underground Flow Equalization System
City of San Mateo Clean Water Program

