

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Modesto Wastewater Master Plan

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Project Location: City of Modesto, Stanislaus County

*City*

*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Wastewater Master Plan (WWMP or Proposed Program) involves numerous improvements to the City's collection system and upgrades to the Sutter Avenue Primary Treatment Plant and Jennings Road Secondary and Tertiary Treatment Plant. Collection system improvements include replacement/construction of new sewer lines and lift stations, sewer line rehabilitation, storm drain disconnection improvements, and other small pipeline rehabilitation projects. Proposed improvements at the Sutter Plant include upgrading the influent pump station and headworks facilities, and decommissioning of primary treatment and solids handling facilities. The Program also includes of three major outfall pipeline projects. Improvements at the Jennings Plant include upgrades to the secondary and tertiary treatment facilities and construction of new primary treatment and solids handling facilities.

The Proposed Program is located in the city of Modesto, a portion of north Ceres, the Beard Industrial Park District, the unincorporated community of Empire, and unincorporated "islands" in Stanislaus County that are served by agreement. The Sutter Plant is located in the southern portion of Modesto just north of the Tuolumne River. The Jennings Plant is located on City-annexed property located about 6.5 miles southwest of the City proper.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Environmental resource topics with the potential for significant environmental impacts include the following:

- \* Aesthetics and Visual Resources (Mitigation Measure [MM] AES: Locate Staging Areas Away from Public Areas and Install Screening)
- \* Agricultural Resources
- \* Air Quality (MM AQ-1 through AQ-3: Implement Control Measures for Construction and Operation Emissions)
- \* Biological Resources (MM BIO-1 through BIO-14: Perform Surveys and Avoid, Minimize, and Compensate for Impacts Special-status Plant and Animal Species)
- \* Cultural, Paleo. and Tribal Cultural Res. (MM CR-1: Cultural Resources Awareness Training)
- \* Geology, Soils, and Seismicity \* Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- \* Hydrology and Water Quality (MM Hyd/WQ-1: Prepare/Impl. Frac-Out Contingency Plan for Trenchless Pipeline Inst.) (HYD/WQ-2: Conduct Flood Flow Study for Benson Lift Station)
- \* Land Use and Planning
- \* Noise and Vibration (MM NOI-1 through NOI-4: Noise-Reducing Construction and Maintenance Practices, Limit Nighttime Construction Noise, Prepare Project-level Noise Analysis for Operation of Sutter Plant Components, Employ Noise-Reducing Methods During Operations)
- \* Population and Housing (see MM above)
- \* Transportation and Traffic \* Utilities and Service Systems
- \* Cumulative Impacts (see MM above)

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

To date, while not considered controversial, the following questions or concerns have been raised regarding the Proposed Program during the scoping period:

1. Future plans for managing stormwater/flooding once the storm drain/sewer cross-connections have been removed in Modesto.
2. Questions about how the WWMP evaluated leaking pipes.
3. Future disposition of the Sutter Plant after treatment facilities have been decommissioned.
4. Potential flooding impacts at the Jennings Plant.
5. Disposition of discharges from the Cannery Segregation Outfall to the City's ranch lands.
6. Need for a new third outfall pipeline and redundancy.
7. WWMP area boundary and its relation to the Proposed and "Alternative" General Plan Update Land Use Map boundaries.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- \* California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- \* California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- \* California State Lands Commission
- \* State Water Resources Control Board
- \* Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- \* San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- \* Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- \* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- \* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- \* National Marine Fisheries Service
- \* Stanislaus County
- \* Modesto Irrigation District
- \* Turlock Irrigation District
- \* Union Pacific Railroad