ROSS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Ross Valley Sanitary District (District) Shady Lane Sewer Removal Project and is available for public review and comment.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: May 7, 2021 through June 7, 2021. Please send all comments to Steve Moore, Ross Valley Sanitary District, 2960 Kerner Boulevard, San Rafael, California 94901 or online at <u>info@rvsd.org</u>.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Shady Lane Sewer Removal Project (Modified Project) addresses the Shady Lane portion of the Large Diameter Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project II-3 Project (Original Project), which was completed in 2019. The Modified Project is located near Shady Lane and Locust Avenue at Ross Creek under the Shady Lane Bridge in Ross, California. The District is undertaking voluntary action to remove the abandoned sewer pipe and concrete casing that traverses Ross Creek, which is a partial barrier to juvenile Coho salmon migration. The Ross Creek channel bed will be restored and will be replaced with a constructed riffle comprised of engineering stream bed material. The abandoned 21-in. reinforced concrete pipe and will be removed from the channel bed. Engineered stream bed material (including boulders and cobbles) will be used for the riffle. The exposed subgrade will be compacted prior to the installation of the engineered stream bed materials. Imported rock will be installed along with the native bed materials stockpiled onsite. The area adjacent to the sewer line, and the construction access corridor, will be cleared and grubbed of invasive species. Existing streambank vegetation will be replaced by locally sourced box elder, California buckeye, western thimbleberry, and red flowering currant. All exposed soil surfaces outside of the active channel will be covered with a 100 percent biodegradable erosion control fabric and stapled in place, and wattles will be installed on the slope revegetated slopes. Following the completion of the constructed riffle, the equipment will be removed from the channel bed. The access route will be restored with trees and shrubs and covered with erosion control fabric. The Modified Project is anticipated to start end of summer and be completed in October 2021. Work hours will generally be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

INITIAL STUDY: A Supplemental Initial Study of the effect of this project has been made, and it has been determined that there will be no significant adverse effects on the quality of the environment with mitigation incorporated; therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed.

TO REVIEW DOCUMENT: Copies of the Supplemental Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the office of Ross Valley Sanitary District, 2960 Kerner Boulevard, San Rafael, California 94901, or can be downloaded from the District's website at <u>www.rvsd.org</u>. Questions and comments regarding this Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be addressed to Steve Moore at the District at 2960 Kerner Boulevard, San Rafael, CA 94901 and online at <u>info@rvsd.org</u> by June 7, 2021.

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Steve Moore, General Manager Ross Valley Sanitary District

<u>May 4, 2021</u>	
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