

Crestline Sanitation District 24516 Lake Drive / PO Box 3395, Crestline, California 92325-3395

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Huston Creek WWTP Dewatering Building and Primary Clarifier Project



The Crestline Sanitation District (CSD) is proposing to upgrade its existing wastewater treatment plant by adding a primary clarifier, backup generator, trickling filter recirculation pumps, and a sludge dewatering building with associated sludge dewatering and conveyance equipment (proposed Project). Construction is estimated to occur in approximately 2020 and last approximately 24 months. The existing facilities in the proposed project area were constructed in 1952 (e.g. primary clarifiers) and 1984 (e.g. sludge handling facility). These facilities are reaching the end of their serviceable life, and are not designed to meet current engineering standards and community wastewater treatment demands.

The new primary clarifier is proposed to be approximately 38 feet in diameter and approximately 15 feet deep. This will provide redundancy for the two existing clarifiers which are each approximately 26 feet in diameter and approximately 8 feet deep. The new primary clarifier will act as the primary wastewater clarifier, designed to process the existing capacity of the two existing clarifiers, and the existing

clarifiers will serve as redundancy. Each of the two existing clarifiers have a design capacity of 0.35 MGD, and the new clarifier will have a design capacity of 0.7 MGD.

The new dewatering building will be a two-story building. It is estimated to be approximately 34 feet wide by 51 feet long by 30 feet tall. An approximately 23 foot square by 15 foot high reinforced concrete thickened sludge holding tank with mixing system will be constructed adjacent to the new dewatering building.

The CSD has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to identify the proposed project; evaluate and describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project; identify those impacts that could be significant; and present mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, an MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The draft MND is available for public review on the CSD's website: http://www.crestlinesanitation.com and at the CSD's office at 24516 Lake Drive, Crestline. CA 92325. In accordance with CEQA, a good faith effort has been made during the preparation of this draft MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this project. In reviewing the MND and initial study, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated.

Comments may be made on the draft MND in writing before the end of the comment period, which is October 8, 2019 to November 6, 2019. Following the close of the public comment period, the CSD Board of Directors will consider this MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments on the draft MND should be sent to the following address no later than November 6, 2019:

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Cresulte California 2021 email: rdever@crestlinesanitation.com / Phone: (909) 300-110. The CSD will consider this document for approval and certification during a public hearing to be held on November 14, 2019 at the Crestline Sanitation STATE CLEARINGHOUSE