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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ADDENDUM TO THE CENTRAL COAST BLUE PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Responsible Agencies & Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CENTRAL COAST BLUE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pismo Beach, as lead agency, has prepared an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c), an addendum does not need to be circulated for public review. However, pursuant to the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund program from which the project may seek funding, this Addendum is being circulated for public review. Anyone desiring to comment on the Addendum to the Final EIR may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from June 7, 2023, through 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2023. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the City of Pismo Beach, Attn: Matt Downing, 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, California 93449 or to mdowning@pismo-beach.org prior to the end of the review period.

Project Title: Central Coast Blue Project

State Clearinghouse #: 2019120560

Project Location:

The project area is located in the city of Grover Beach and portions of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, including the community of Oceano, which is a census-designated place. The project area would remain largely the same as that analyzed in the Final EIR with the exception of an additional approximately 0.5-acre area immediately adjacent to the southwestern boundary of the original project area, which would be added as a potential monitoring well location. Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 for a map of the project area.

Brief Project Description:

This Addendum describes the details of several modifications to the layout of project facilities that have occurred during evolution of the design process, which have resulted in new project impact areas beyond those identified and evaluated in the certified Final EIR for the Original Project. This modified layout is referred to herein as the Modified Project and involves modified locations for five injection wells, four monitoring wells, one production well, and several pipeline alignments as well as an expanded site for the advanced treatment facility (ATF) complex, two new monitoring well locations, and multiple alternate locations for injection/monitoring wells and pipelines. The overall purpose, objectives, and nature of the Original Project would remain the same under the Modified Project. As with the Original Project, the Modified Project would consist of a regional indirect potable use project that would involve injection of advanced purified water into the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin via a series of injection wells installed at various locations to enhance supply reliability by reducing the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin's vulnerability to drought and seawater intrusion. Water for the project would be sourced from two of the region's wastewater treatment facilities - the Pismo Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD) WWTP. Prior to injection to the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, water would undergo full advanced treatment at a proposed ATF complex constructed at Assessor's Parcel Numbers 060-543-016 and 060-543-007 in Grover Beach. The proposed ATF complex would treat a combination of flows from the Pismo Beach WWTP and flows from the SSLOCSD WWTP for injection in the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin. Similar to the Original Project, the Modified Project would include a series of pipelines, injection wells, monitoring wells, one new production well, and a pump station in addition to the ATF complex. As with the Original Project, the Modified Project would alter the pumping regime of existing, operational production wells in the project area and would include construction of one new production well to optimize groundwater production in the area. Groundwater extraction from the underlying basin would continue to be governed by the existing Santa Maria Groundwater Basin Adjudication Agreement (i.e., the Superior Court of California's 2005 Stipulation and 2008 final order). As with the Original Project, the



Modified Project would in no way change existing entitlements or limit pumping rights established by the Adjudication Agreement. A detailed description of the Modified Project in comparison to the Original Project is available as part of the Draft Addendum.

Significant Environmental Effects:

Similar to the certified Final EIR, the Draft Addendum identified significant and unavoidable impacts associated with nighttime construction noise and land use conflicts. The Draft Addendum also identified significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, environmental justice, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, operational noise, vibration, and transportation; however, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the incorporation of the mitigation measures adopted in the certified Final EIR. All other environmental impacts would be less than significant. Potential impacts associated with the Modified Central Coast Blue Project are consistent with potential impacts characterized and mitigated for in the certified Final EIR for the Original Central Coast Blue Project. The Draft Addendum did not identify new significant impacts or impacts of substantially greater severity for the Modified Project than previously described in the certified Final EIR for the Original Project.

Hazardous Waste Sites:

No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present in the project area.

30-Day Document Review:

The public review and comment period for the Addendum to the Final EIR begins June 7, 2023, and ends July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the contact person listed below prior to the end of the review period.

Public Meeting:

A public meeting to receive verbal comments on the Addendum to the Final EIR will be held by the Central Coast Blue Regional Recycled Water Authority during the public review period on June 19, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at Pismo Beach City Hall at 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, California 93449.

Document Availability:

The Draft Addendum to the Final EIR may be viewed on the project’s website at: <https://www.centralcoastblue.com/news>.

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Figure 1 Modified Project Components – Full Extent



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Fig. 1 Modified Project Components



Figure 2 Modified Project Components – Focused Extent



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Fig 6 Modified Project Components Focused Extent