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Notice of Preparation

TO: Responsible Agencies & Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pismo Beach will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project, if applicable. The public review and comment period for this Notice of Preparation begins Friday, December 20, 2019 and ends Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. A detailed project description with location maps are contained in the attached materials and are available online at <https://centralcoastblue.com/recent-updates>. No Initial Study is attached because the lead agency has already determined that an EIR is clearly required for the project and is therefore not required to prepare an Initial Study per CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(a). Because the project is of regional and areawide significance, a scoping meeting will be held by the City of Pismo Beach on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Pismo Beach Council Chamber, located at 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, California 93449.

Project Title: Central Coast Blue Project

State Clearinghouse #: Pending

Project Location:

The project would be located on several properties in the cities of Grover Beach and Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County and portions of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, including the community of Oceano, which is a census-designated place. A specific map of the known project components is attached and available online at <https://centralcoastblue.com/recent-updates>. Additional project components will be located at yet to be determined locations within the cities of Grover Beach and Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County and portions of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County.

Project Sponsors: City of Pismo Beach, Public Works Department
760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, CA 93449
South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District
1600 Aloha Place, Oceano, CA 93445

Brief Project Description:

The proposed project is a regional advanced purified water project intended to enhance supply reliability by reducing the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin's (SMGB) vulnerability to drought and seawater intrusion. The project would involve injection of advanced purified water into the SMGB via a series of injection wells installed at various locations to create a seawater intrusion barrier. 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 (SSLOCSO) WWTP. Prior to injection to the SMGB, water would be treated to an advanced level of purification at a proposed Advanced Treatment Facility (ATF) constructed at a yet to be determined location in the northern portion of the SMGB. The proposed ATF would treat a combination of flows from the Pismo Beach WWTP and flows from the SSLOCSO WWTP for injection in the SMGB and/or for agricultural irrigation. In addition to the ATF, project components include an advanced purified water storage tank, an equalization tank, a pump station, distribution pipelines, injection wells, monitoring wells, and one new production well. The project would alter the pumping regime of existing, operational production wells in the project area and also would include construction of one new production well to optimize groundwater production in the area. Potential environmental effects include but are not necessarily limited to, impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural

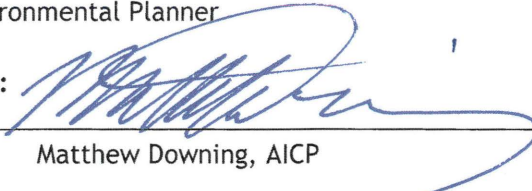
resources, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use, noise, and transportation.

Consulting firm retained to prepare draft EIR:

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2019

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