

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study Laurel Grove Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project

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Project Location: Kentfield Marin
City *County*

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

The Project entails the construction and rehabilitation, within the existing alignment, of approximately 4,370 linear ft of sanitary sewer mains and related appurtenances within the town of Kentfield. The Project as a whole plans to rehabilitate or replace approximately 3,510 ft of sewers with HDPE pipe and upsize the diameter of the trunk line under Laurel Grove Avenue between Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Makin Grade. The project includes approximately 290 linear ft open cut replacement of the 6-in. clay and cast-iron sewer on Quisisana Drive with an 10-in. plastic (PVC) pipe between Laurel Grove Avenue including a storm drain pipe drainage shield and the first manhole. It includes approximately 185 linear ft open cut replacement of the clay sewer on Hanken Drive with an 8-in. plastic (PVC) pipe and replacement of 310 linear ft of clay sewer by pipe burst on Laurel Grove Avenue and on Hanken Drive to the first manhole . The lower section of the sewer will be upsized from 10-in. to 16-in. of approximately 110 linear ft under Sir Francis Drake Blvd. The primary objective of the Project is to relieve hydraulic and structural deficiencies with aging RVSD infrastructure within the town of Kentfield. The Project is anticipated to be completed by October 2020.

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

See Attachment A.

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

None

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

Town of Kentfield

Attachment A – Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measure Bio1

Adequate measures shall be taken to avoid inadvertent take of bird nests protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and State Fish and Game Code when in active use. This shall be accomplished by taking the following steps:

- If initial construction is proposed during the nesting season (March 1 to August 31), a focused survey for nesting raptors and other migratory birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 7 days prior to the onset of construction in order to determine whether any active nests are present in the area of potential effect (APE) and surrounding area within 100 ft of proposed construction. The survey shall be re-conducted any time construction has been delayed or curtailed for more than 7 days during the nesting season.
- If no active nests are identified during the construction survey period, or development is initiated during the non-breeding season (September 1 to January 31), construction may proceed with no restrictions.
- If bird nests are found, an adequate setback shall be established around the nest location and construction activities restricted within this no-disturbance zone until the qualified biologist has confirmed that any young birds have fledged and are able to function outside the nest location. Required setback distances for the no-disturbance zone shall be based on input received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and may vary depending on species and sensitivity to disturbance. As necessary, the no-disturbance zone shall be delineated if construction is to be initiated elsewhere in the APE to make it clear that the area should not be disturbed.
- A report of findings shall be prepared by the qualified biologist and submitted to the Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) or designated agent for review and approval prior to initiation of construction during the nesting season (March 1 to August 31). The report shall either confirm absence of any active nests or confirm that any young are located within a designated no-disturbance zone and construction can proceed. No report of findings is required if construction is initiated during the non-nesting season (September 1 to January 31) and continues uninterrupted according to the above criteria.

Mitigation Measure Cul1

- Areas determined to be highly sensitive areas (section of Laurel Grove Avenue between Quisisana Drive and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Quisisana Drive, and Hanken Drive) will be monitored during all Project-related ground disturbance,

and less sensitive areas (the portion of Laurel Avenue north of Quisisana Drive) will be spot monitored, even in areas where mostly disturbed soils will be impacted. It is possible that secondary deposits, or intact pockets of midden in trench walls, will be encountered in these areas.

- If paleontological resources are encountered during Project subsurface construction, all ground-disturbing activities within 25 ft will be redirected and a qualified paleontologist will be contacted to assess the situation, consult with agencies as appropriate, and make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery. Project personnel will not collect or move any paleontological materials. Paleontological resources include fossil plants and animals, and trace fossil evidence of past life such as tracks.

Mitigation Measure Cul2

- Construction crews shall be trained in “basic archaeological/tribal resources identification” by a qualified archaeologist and have access to a Cultural Resources Alert Sheet. The Alert Sheet shall photographically depict midden and associated indicators of precontact archaeological sites (no photographs of human remains), and clearly outline the procedures in the event of an archaeological discovery. These procedures include temporary work stoppage (Stop Work Order) of all ground disturbance, short-term physical protection of artifacts and their context, and immediate advisement of the archaeological/tribal team and RVSD representatives. Any Stop Work Order will contain a description of the work to be stopped, special instructions or requests for the Contractor, suggestions for efficient mitigation, and a time estimate for the work stoppage. A qualified archaeologist and tribal representative from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR) will be contacted to assess the situation, consult with agencies as appropriate, and make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery and offer recommendations for any procedures deemed appropriate to further investigate and/or mitigate adverse impacts to those cultural resources that have been encountered.

Mitigation Measure Cul3

- Upon discovery, the Coroner Division of the Marin County Sheriff’s Office will be contacted for identification of human remains. The Coroner has 2 working days to examine the remains after being notified.
- If the remains are Native American, the Coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) of the discovery within 24 hours. The NAHC will then identify and contact a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The MLD may make recommendations to the owner, or representative, for the treatment or disposition, with proper dignity, of the remains and grave goods. Once proper consultation has occurred, a procedure that may include the preservation, excavation, analysis, and

curation of artifacts and/or reburial of those remains and associated artifacts will be formulated and implemented.

- If the remains are not Native American, the Coroner will consult with the archaeological research team and the lead agency to develop a procedure for the proper study, documentation, and ultimate disposition of the remains. If a determination can be made as to the likely identity—either as an individual or as a member of a group—of the remains, an attempt should be made to identify and contact any living descendants or representatives of the descendant community. As interested parties, these descendants may make recommendations to the owner, or representative, for the treatment or disposition, with proper dignity, of the remains and grave goods.