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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS21-0001 FOR THE OTAY PIPELINE 2 SEGMENT A6 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chula Vista (City) is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant unmitigated environmental impacts in compliance with Section 15070 of State CEQA Guidelines. A copy of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (findings) is on file in the Chula Vista Development Services Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to review electronically at:

https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/development-services/planning/public-notices/environmental-notices.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration should provide their written comments attention to Associate Planner, Dai Hoang at <u>dhoang@chulavistaca.gov</u>, or via mail at City of Chula Vista Development Services Department 276 Fourth Avenue Building C, Chula Vista, CA 91910 no later than April 19, 2022.

This proposed finding does not constitute approval or denial of the project itself; it only determines if the project could have a significant environmental impact. Projects that could have a significant impact must have an Environmental Impact Report prepared to evaluate those possible impacts in compliance with Section 15064 of State CEQA Guidelines.

If you wish to challenge the City's action on this Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence.

For further information concerning this project, please contact Associate Planner Dai Hoang at (619) 585-5694.

This notice is required to be filed with the County Clerk's office for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 644-080-24-00

Project Location: The proposed Otay Pipeline 2 Segment A6 Replacement Project (project) is in the City of Chula Vista, California, just west of 2276 Wueste Road and along the southeastern outskirt of the City of Chula Vista. The project is within the Otay Ranch Preserve in the Salt Creek parcel of the Chula Vista Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan. The project site is bordered to the east by the Otay Water Treatment Plant and to the west by the Salt Creek/Village 10 parcel boundary. The project lies within a 100-foot corridor owned in fee by the City of San Diego. The project has been proposed in both sensitive and disturbed natural habitat areas.

Project Description: The project includes the replacement of approximately 4,000 linear feet of the Otay Pipeline 2 segment A6 40-inch steel pipe with a 54-inch steel pipe in the same underground location except under Salt Creek, where the pipe will be replaced directly adjacent to the existing pipe.

The Otay Pipeline 2 was installed in 1958. The A6 segment is currently not in use and is proposed for replacement because it is in poor condition, with several portions of the current pipe exposed and corroded/oxidized. The project would replace and upsize this pipe to provide a redundant water supply line to handle current and anticipated future water flows from the Otay Water Treatment Plant to users in the City of San Diego.

Upon completion of the pipeline replacement, approximately 10-foot-wide internal access roads would be graded to connect the existing external access roads to the five air vacuum and five blow-off valves for long-term maintenance access. The internal access roads would be a permanent impact.

PROJECT APPLICANT:	City of San Diego
DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY:	Chula Vista City Council
INITIAL STUDY NO.:	IS21-0001
NOTICE DATE:	March 18, 2022
REVIEW PERIOD:	March 18, 2022 – April 19, 2022