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**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
**NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR HOOD COMMUNITY SEPTIC CONVERSION (PLER2021-00127)**

Sacramento County will be the CEQA Lead Agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a project known as Hood Community Septic Conversion. This Notice of Preparation has been sent to responsible and trustee agencies and involved federal agencies pursuant to Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines. Agencies should comment on the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained in the attached materials and may also be viewed online at:

<https://planningdocuments.saccounty.net/ViewProjectDetails.aspx?ControlNum=PLER2021-00127>

Please send your Agency's response to this Notice to:

Joelle Inman, Environmental Coordinator  
Office of Planning and Environmental Review  
827 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 225, Sacramento, CA 95814  
or via e-mail at: [CEQA@saccounty.net](mailto:CEQA@saccounty.net).

Your response should include the name of a contact person in your agency.

Two scoping meetings will be conducted in association with this project; one will be tailored for the general public and one will be tailored for other agencies.

- The public meeting will take place at 6pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022; the zoom link is here: <https://saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1611655899>
- The agency meeting will take place at 10am on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022; the zoom link is here: <https://saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1602369424>

Specific questions about the project should be directed to Kimberly Asbury, Project Manager, at (916) 874-6141 or [asburyk@saccounty.net](mailto:asburyk@saccounty.net) for further information.

**PROJECT TITLE:** HOOD COMMUNITY SEPTIC CONVERSION

**CONTROL NUMBER:** PLER2021-00127

**PROJECT PROPONENT:** SACRAMENTO AREA SANITATION DISTRICT (SASD)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:**

If the project were to receive grant funding, SASD would extend public sewer service to up to 141 parcels (52 are vacant, 76 are residential, and 13 are non-residential) in the community of Hood. SASD would conduct additional outreach to the 141 residences in the neighborhood. If the property owners are interested in connecting to public sewer they would sign an agreement requiring them to abandon their existing septic system in accordance with the County Environmental Management Department (EMD)'s guidelines. Abandonment would require the existing septic tank to be pumped, the tank bottom to be punctured, and the tank to be filled with sand, gravel, concrete, or other approved material to the surface elevation. The residence would then be connected to the public sewer and the residence would become a customer of SASD & Regional Sanitation. Scope of work for connection of private residences to the public sewer is limited to the septic tank and below-grade pipe installation and does not involve any work to homes or above-ground structures.

## **1.1 Construction Methods**

Construction is to occur within existing County right-of-ways (ROW). The timeline for construction is estimated to last approximately twelve months. County ROW for all of the streets is approximately 40 feet, but the expected footprint of construction would be significantly less. Construction will occur during regular working hours and may require temporary lane closures while in progress. Construction methods may include open trench and/or directional drilling; however, it is not known at this time which method the contractor will choose. It will be left to the discretion of the contractor when and where to use either construction method.

### **1.1.1 Open Cut Trench**

An open cut trench is the conventional method for installing shallow lengths of pipe. Typically, this type of construction involves utilizing an excavator, trenching machine, or manual digging to establish a trench in which the pipe will be laid. The trench base usually requires reinforcement such as sand or gravel and is checked for proper slope alignment. The pipe is then placed in the open trench and back fill material such as Class 2 aggregate base, or controlled density fill is used to cover the pipe.

### **1.1.2 Horizontal Directional Drilling**

Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is used for long lengths of pipe and consists of two general stages: pilot hole drilling and reaming and pull back. The pilot hole is created with a non-rotating drill string with an asymmetrical leading edge. The asymmetry allows for steering bias and the non-rotating drill string allows the steering bias to be held in a specific position while drilling. The drill string can, however, be rolled when a change of direction is needed. As the pilot hole is drilled, periodic readings are taken of the leading edge by a probe. These measurements are used to calculate the coordinates of any point along the pilot hole relative to the surface. Once the pilot hole is finished, enlarging the hole through the reaming process is typically necessary. Reaming for smaller diameter piping can be accomplished during pipe installation and consists of attaching reamers to the end of the drill string and then pulling the components back through the pilot hole. Prefabricated pipe is attached behind the reaming assembly or drill string and pulled through the widened hole.

Connection of residences to the public sewer would likely be made utilizing the HDD method. Vertical Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this work would be 1 to 5 feet in depth and the diameter of the pipe connecting to the sewer would likely be 4 inches in diameter. This work would occur from County ROW

and would extend into the front yard and/or side yard of the residential properties. None of the existing structures would be affected by construction, and are therefore not included in the APE.

#### **ENTITLEMENTS:**

The project consists of providing public sewer service to the community of Hood, in the unincorporated County, that currently relies on individual septic systems. To implement the project the following related actions must receive a Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) sphere of influence amendment and annexation to incorporate the Hood community into the SASD/Regional Sanitation service area. The Project would require a request to LAFCo to amend the service boundaries of SASD and Regional Sanitation to provide wastewater services to the Project, and would require LAFCo review, proceedings, and action. LAFCo has the sole authority to act to approve, modify and approve, or disapprove the proposal. The proposal is consistent with LAFCo goals (GC 56033.5) to provide adequate municipal sewer services to an identified disadvantaged unincorporated community, as defined by Section 79505.5 of the Water Code.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE SETTING:**

The Project area is located within the community of Hood, which is located south of the City of Sacramento and west of the City of Elk Grove along the Sacramento River and therefore the western border of the County of Sacramento. The community is bounded by agricultural parcels to the north, east, and south and Sacramento River to the west. In addition, the project area extends along Hood Franklin Road from the community of Hood to the community of Franklin to allow for the extension of a 4" sewer force main to Hood.

#### **PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS/EIR FOCUS:**

The analysis in the EIR will describe existing conditions, describe the legal and regulatory framework relevant to the Project, describe standards of significance to be used in analysis, and describe analysis methodologies. A high-level review of the Project and of the environmental resources in the study area has resulted in the identification of potential categories of environmental effect. The descriptions below are not exhaustive, and other sections and discussions may be included if further research indicates that their inclusion is warranted. As the analyses progress and the extent of impacts to the categories is determined, appropriate CEQA alternatives will be included for analysis.

**Air Quality** Project-related emissions analyzed may include toxic air contaminants, ozone precursors, and particulates. The analysis will include discussions of emissions resulting from construction-related activities and emissions resulting from operational activities of the completed Project.

**Biological Resources** The Project will be analyzed to identify areas where proposed changes may affect biological resources. The analysis will discuss impacts to general wildlife populations and habitats, but will focus on special-status species and particularly sensitive habitats, including wetlands. The Project will also be analyzed to determine if it would conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or other approved local, regional, State or federal plan for the conservation of habitat.

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions** Project-related greenhouse gas emissions will be quantified and analyzed for the cumulative impacts to climate change. The probable impacts to the Project as a result of climate change will also be examined.

**Cultural Resources** A cultural resources evaluation will be prepared to determine if there are any archeological or historic resources onsite and the EIR will evaluate potential impacts on any identified cultural resources.

**Geology and Soils** The Project has the potential to result in geological and soil impacts during construction. The EIR will analyze these potential impacts and identify all applicable mitigation measures.

**Hazards and Hazardous Materials** Hazardous materials sites, if any, will be identified in the vicinity of the proposed Development Area. Project compatibility with any existing hazardous materials sites will be examined. In addition, potential construction-related impacts of the Project regarding the potential spill of hazardous materials will also be examined.

**Hydrology and Water Quality** Areas of potential flooding will be identified and drainage patterns will be examined within the watersheds affected by the Project. The Project will be analyzed for impacts to the existing hydrologic environment, in particular how the Project would impact the hydrologic environment surrounding the two water crossings. Agencies involved with flood control issues will be consulted. These may include, but are not limited to the California State Department of Water Resources, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), Reclamation District 1000 (RD-1000) and the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources. The potential impacts of the Project on water quality will also be examined, which includes construction-related impacts (e.g., erosion of exposed soil).

**Land Use** The EIR will be examined to determine consistency with land use policies/ordinances/plans that have been adopted in order to avoid environmental effects. The Project's impact relative to the planned and existing land use environment will also be disclosed.

**Population and Housing** The proposed Project is not expected induce any direct unplanned population growth as the Project does not include any proposed residential land uses. Additionally, the proposed Project is not expected to displace any people or housing. However, the Project proposes to extend sewer lines beyond the existing SASD service area. In order to connect to the community of Hood, the project would necessitate the extension of sewer lines along Hood Franklin Road for approximately five (5) miles. The potential of the extension of sewer lines to induce growth will be analyzed in the EIR.

**Noise** The Project has the potential to expose the public to additional noise levels on a temporary basis. The EIR will estimate noise impacts associated with the construction of the proposed project.

**Public Utilities** The Project would extend sewer lines to the community of Hood. The EIR would analyze whether the extension of service would overextend existing sewer facilities. The proposed Project would not construct residential land uses that would increase demand on water or energy services.

**Transportation** Though the project would not result in an increase in population that would result in additional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) during operation, the EIR would analyze the impacts of the Project on VMT in compliance with Senate Bill 743 due to the movement of construction equipment, materials, and workers to the project site as well as the potential increase in miles traveled by Hood residents due to detours along Hood Franklin Road. In addition, the EIR will analyze the potential impact to emergency access and circulation due to the potential closures of Hood Franklin Road during construction.

**Tribal Cultural Resources** A cultural resources evaluation will be prepared to determine if there are any tribal cultural resources onsite. In addition, AB 52 consultation will be initiated by the County. The EIR will evaluate potential impacts on any identified or potentially undiscovered tribal cultural resources.

**Wildfire** During operation, the Project would be entirely below ground and would not increase the likelihood of wildfire. The EIR would discuss the potential of the Project to increase the risk of accidental wildfire ignition during construction.

#### **TOPIC EXCLUDED FROM FURTHER ANALYSIS IN THE EIR:**

**Aesthetics** All proposed Project actions would occur below ground. Construction activities would result in temporary aesthetic impacts but, at termination of construction-activities, the Project area would be returned to pre-project aesthetic conditions. This topic will not be addressed in the EIR.

**Agricultural and Forestry Resources** The proposed Project would not convert any Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, or Unique Farmland to developed uses, and would not encroach on any other protected resource lands such as those under Williamson Act contracts. Thus, the proposed Project would not result in a potentially significant impact on agricultural resources, and this topic will not be addressed in the EIR. Potential implications of future development would be addressed in the Growth Inducement Section of the EIR. The Project area does not contain zoning districts designated for forest or timberland, and the project site does not contain forest lands or timberland. Therefore, the proposed Project would not conflict with forestland zoning or result in the loss or conversion of forestland to non-forest uses and would result in no impacts to these resources. This topic will not be addressed in the EIR.

**Airports** The Project consists of below-ground utilities extension lines and is not within an Airport Land Use Plan. This topic will not be addressed in the EIR

**Mineral Resources** There are no active mines or known mineral resource zones occurring within the city limits or within the plan area. Therefore, the proposed Project would not result in the loss or availability of a known mineral resource or mineral resource recovery site and would result in no impacts to these resources. This topic will not be addressed in the EIR.

**Public Services** The Project does not propose the construction of residential land uses that would increase population in the area and therefore increase demand on existing libraries, schools, parks, and police and fire services. This topic will not be addressed in the EIR.

#### **INTENDED USES OF THE EIR:**

The Sanitation District Board will use the information contained in the EIR to evaluate the Project and render a decision to approve or deny the requested entitlements. Responsible and other agencies may also use the EIR for their own discretionary approvals associated with the Project.

**Table NOP-1: Subsequent Permits, Approvals, Review, and Consultation Requirements**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Approval</b>
SASD	Final Environmental Impact Report Certification
SASD	Project Approval
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District	Fugitive Dust Prevention and Control Plan
Regional Water Quality Control Board – Central Valley Region	NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Section 401 Certification

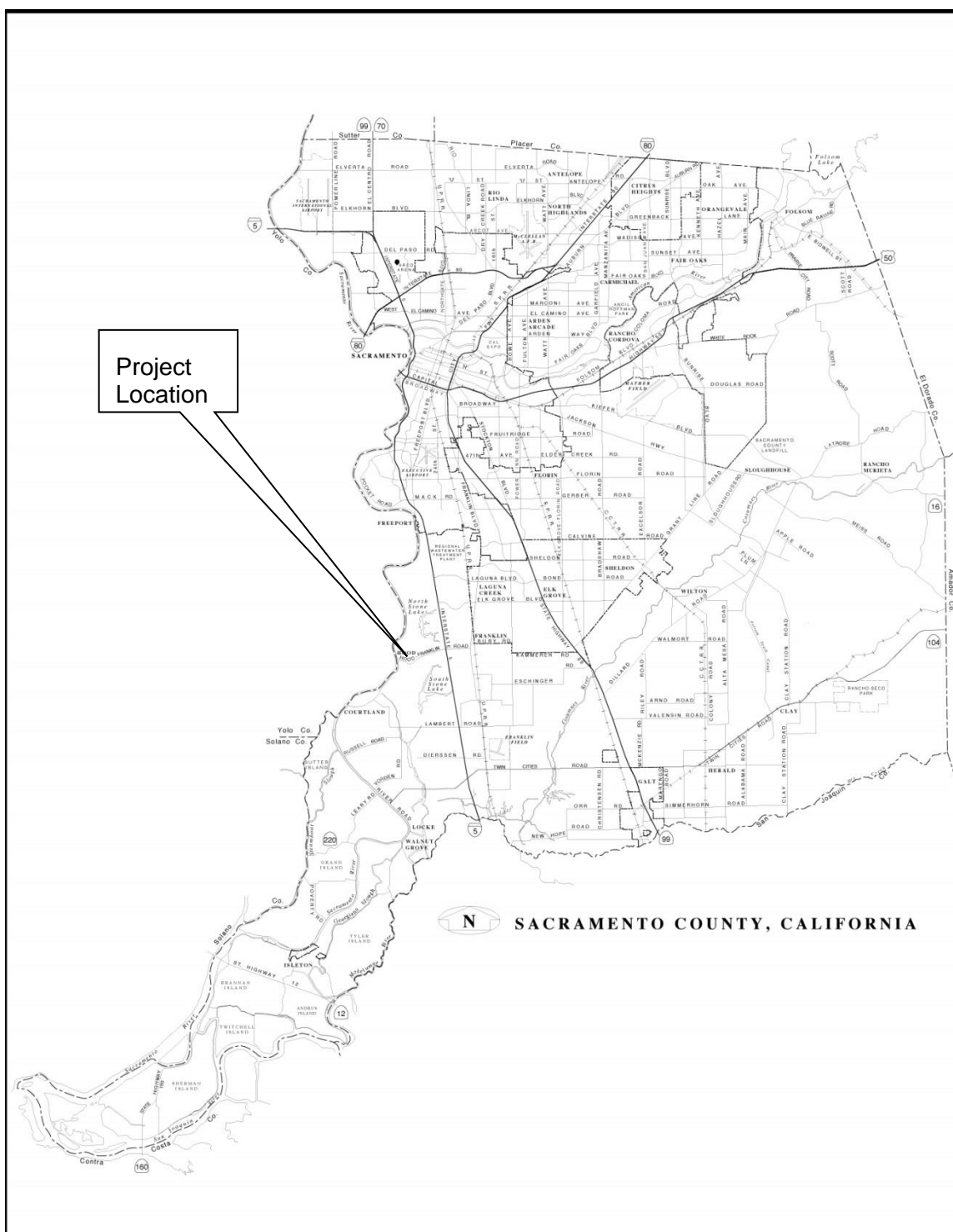
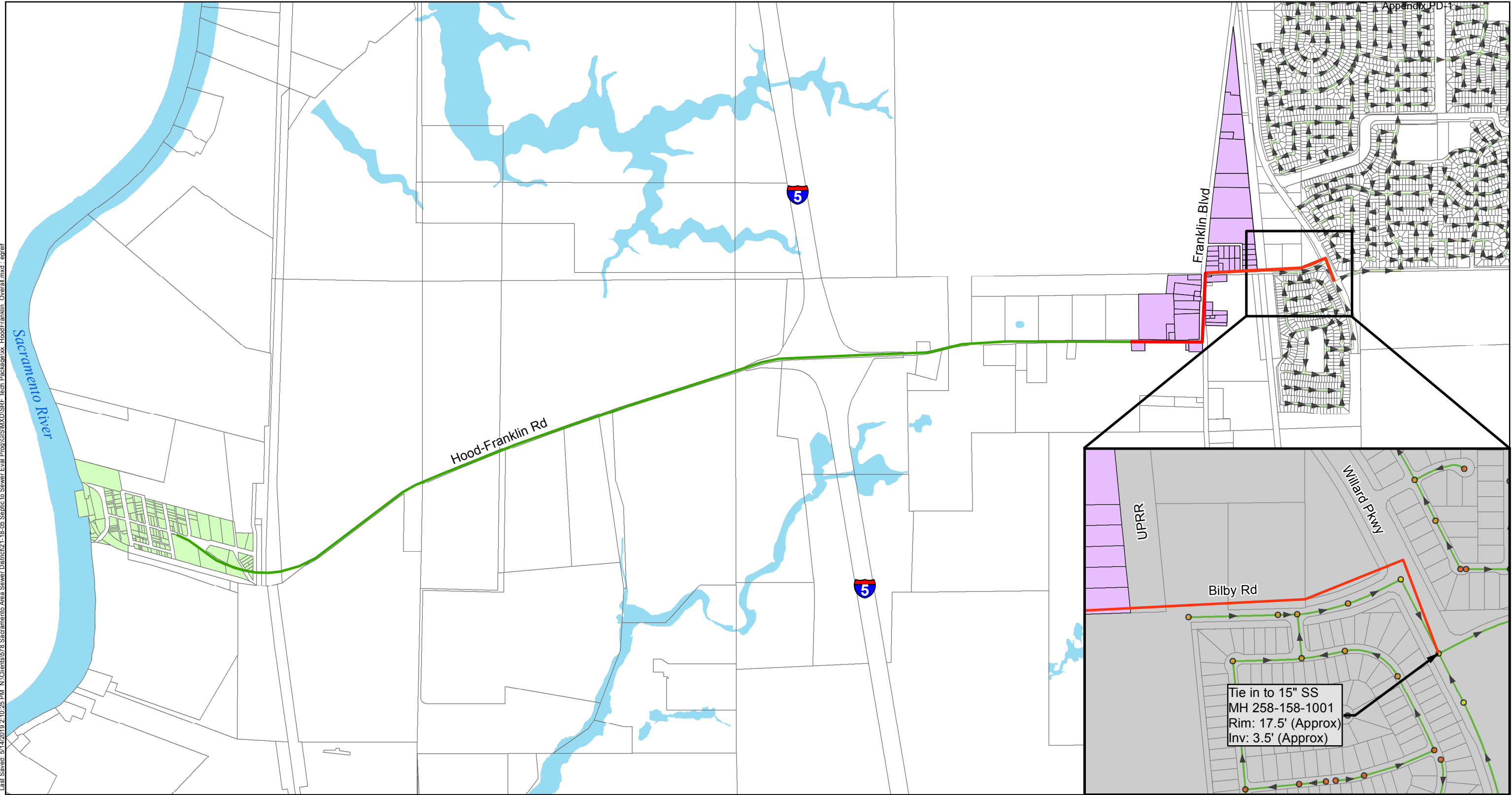
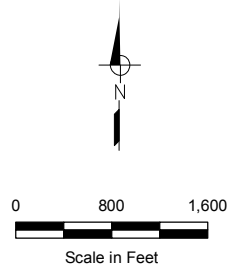


Plate-2: Project Site



Symbology

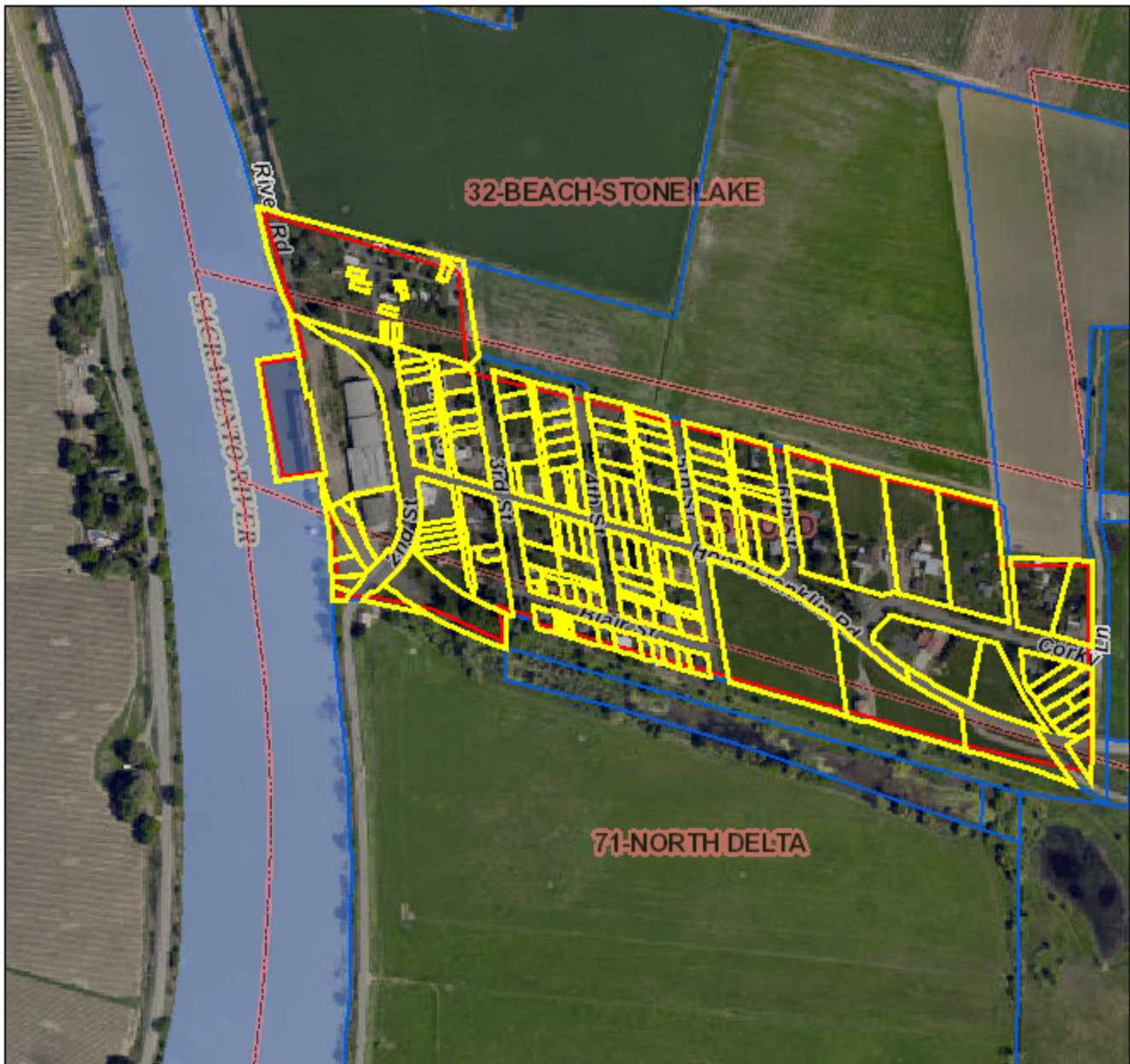
- Hood Community
- Franklin Community
- Proposed SSFM (serves Hood only)
- Proposed SSFM (serves both communities)
- Existing Sewer





Hood and Franklin  
Combined Force Main


Sacramento Area Sewer District  
Septic to Sewer  
Evaluation Project






 Parcel Boundaries, Level 16,17,18,19,20

 Water Sheds

 Streams

 Rivers

 Ponds and Lakes



1" = 594'

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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **COMMENTS TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, HOOD COMMUNITY SEPTIC CONVERSION PROJECT, SCH#2022030717, SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 25 March 2022 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Request for Review for the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report* for the Hood Community Septic Conversion Project, located in Sacramento County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

#### **I. Regulatory Setting**

##### **Basin Plan**

The Central Valley Water Board is required to formulate and adopt Basin Plans for all areas within the Central Valley region under Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Each Basin Plan must contain water quality objectives to ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for achieving water quality objectives with the Basin Plans. Federal regulations require each state to adopt water quality standards to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. In California, the beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and the Antidegradation Policy are the State's water quality standards. Water quality standards are also contained in the National Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.36, and the California Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.38.

The Basin Plan is subject to modification as necessary, considering applicable laws, policies, technologies, water quality conditions and priorities. The original Basin Plans were adopted in 1975, and have been updated and revised periodically as required, using Basin Plan amendments. Once the Central Valley Water Board has adopted a Basin Plan amendment in noticed public hearings, it must be approved by

the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and in some cases, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Basin Plan amendments only become effective after they have been approved by the OAL and in some cases, the USEPA. Every three (3) years, a review of the Basin Plan is completed that assesses the appropriateness of existing standards and evaluates and prioritizes Basin Planning issues. For more information on the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins*, please visit our website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/basin\\_plans/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/)

### **Antidegradation Considerations**

All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Implementation Policy is available on page 74 at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/basin\\_plans/sacsjr\\_2018\\_05.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr_2018_05.pdf)

In part it states:

*Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.*

*This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives.*

The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.

## **II. Permitting Requirements**

### **Construction Storm Water General Permit**

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml)

### **Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits<sup>1</sup>**

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/storm\\_water/municipal\\_permits/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/)

For more information on the Phase II MS4 permit and who it applies to, visit the State Water Resources Control Board at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/phase\\_ii\\_municipal.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml)

### **Industrial Storm Water General Permit**

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ. For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/storm\\_water/industrial\\_general\\_permits/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml)

### **Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit**

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act

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<sup>1</sup> Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACE at (916) 557-5250.

**Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification**

If an USACE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications. For more information on the Water Quality Certification, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/water\\_quality/certification/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality/certification/)

**Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State**

If USACE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., “non-federal” waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation. For more information on the Waste Discharges to Surface Water NPDES Program and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/waste\\_to\\_surface\\_water/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/)

Projects involving excavation or fill activities impacting less than 0.2 acre or 400 linear feet of non-jurisdictional waters of the state and projects involving dredging activities impacting less than 50 cubic yards of non-jurisdictional waters of the state may be eligible for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ (General Order 2004-0004). For more information on the General Order 2004-0004, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf)

**Dewatering Permit**

If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board General Water Quality Order (Low Threat General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board’s Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Threat Waiver) R5-2018-0085. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage

under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge.

For more information regarding the Low Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf)

For more information regarding the Low Threat Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/waivers/r5-2018-0085.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2018-0085.pdf)

#### **Limited Threat General NPDES Permit**

If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for *Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A complete Notice of Intent must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/general\\_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf)

#### **NPDES Permit**

If the proposed project discharges waste that could affect the quality of surface waters of the State, other than into a community sewer system, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A complete Report of Waste Discharge must be submitted with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain a NPDES Permit. For more information regarding the NPDES Permit and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/permit/>

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4709 or [Greg.Hendricks@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Greg.Hendricks@waterboards.ca.gov).



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April 20, 2022

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Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Hood  
Community Septic Conversion (PLER2021-00127)

Dear Ms. Inman:

Thank you for providing the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) the opportunity to provide comments on the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Hood Community Septic Conversion project (Project).

The Commission is a state agency charged with ensuring orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources and improved flood protection. Proposed local government-approved projects within the primary zone of the Legal Delta must be consistent with the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP) (California Public Resources Code Sections 29700-29780). The Project lies within the primary zone.

The Commission supports projects that expand water, wastewater, and other utility services to rural areas of the Delta. The LURMP encourages "the provision of infrastructure for new water, recreational, and scientific research facilities" (Utilities & Infrastructure, Policy 7). In addition, Action 2a in the Hood Community Action Plan (September 2018) seeks to "collaborate with Sacramento County on potential solutions for water and wastewater infrastructure and flood protection needs." We believe the Project will help meet these needs and we support the County's work to improve infrastructure in the community of Hood.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Please contact Kirsten Pringle, Senior Environmental Planner, at (530) 650-6327 for any questions regarding the comments provided.

Sincerely,



Erik Vink  
Executive Director

cc: Don Nottoli, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and Commission Chair





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Hi Asbury.

Thank you for the notification. We also received a copy of the project NOP in the mail at the Refuge office. As long as the pipe route is within the county road right of way, I do not see any issue with needing any additional permitting from the USFWS for the National Wildlife Refuge. I would like to be kept apprised of any further project details.

Thank you,

Bart McDermott  
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Good Morning,

Last week, the County of Sacramento sent out an NOP regarding the Community of Hood Septic to Sewer Conversion Project by SASD. This is a follow-up email and reminder of the agency scooping

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meeting tomorrow, April 5 and 10am. Please see the attached outlook meeting and the zoom information is also located below.

Thank you and hope to hear your comments!

**Kimberly Asbury, Associate Planner**

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