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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD, or District) has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Blacklake Sewer System Consolidation Project (project). The IS/MND found the project to have potential environmental impacts associated with air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and mandatory findings of significance that would be less than significant with mitigation.

Lead Agency: Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD)

148 South Wilson Street Nipomo, CA 93444

Project Title: Blacklake Sewer System Consolidation Project

Project Location: The proposed Blacklake Sewer System Consolidation Project (project) is located in the unincorporated community of Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County, California. The proposed Blacklake Sewer System Consolidation Project would include the construction of a new lift station on the eastern side of the existing Blacklake Water Reclamation Facility (Blacklake WRF) site located on Willow Road, installation of 4.15 miles of new force main pipeline from the new lift station to the Southland Wastewater Treatment Facility, and decommissioning of the existing Blacklake WRF. The pipeline would be located within Nipomo Community Services District property and easements under County of San Luis Obispo (County) roadway right-of-way along Willow Road, Sundale Way, Camino Caballo, Pomeroy Road, and Juniper Street. Equipment and material staging would also occur on the Nipomo Community Services District-owned parcel located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Sundale Way and Camino Caballo (Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 091-232-016).

Project Description: The NCSD proposes the construction of a new 160-gallon-per-minute (gpm) lift station and associated facilities at the existing Blacklake WRF, installation of approximately 4.15 miles (21,930 linear feet) of new 6-inch force main pipeline from the proposed lift station to the existing Southland WWTF, and the decommissioning and demolition of the existing Blacklake WRF after the new lift station is completed and operating. Construction of the new lift station, installation of the pipeline, and demolition of the Blacklake WRF would occur over a 2-year anticipated work period. Project construction would generally occur in two phases, with construction and installation of the force main pipeline occurring first (Phase 1), and construction of the new lift station and decommissioning of the Blacklake WRF occurring second (Phase 2). The project would require approximately 23,600 cubic yards of cut, 25,700 cubic yards of fill, and 14,600 cubic yards of imported fill materials.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Based on a search of the DTSC EnviroStor database, SWRCB Geotracker database, and California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Cortese List website, there are no hazardous waste cleanup sites within 300 feet of the project site.

Public Review: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence on September 1, 2022 and will end on October 1, 2022 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

Public Meeting: The project and the IS/MND are anticipated to be considered for approval by the NCSD Board of Directors at its regular meeting on October 12, 2022 held at 9:00 a.m. This meeting date and time may change depending on the circumstances.

Written comments may be submitted to:

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