

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE BAY BRIDGE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO:

Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

DATE:

June 21, 2017

SUBJECT:

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge

Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project

PROPONENT:

Orange County Sanitation District

LEAD AGENCY:

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Notice is hereby given that the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which is available for public review, for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15087, as described below.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project (project) site is located in the County of Orange, in the southwestern portion of the City of Newport (City). Locally, the project site includes sewer pump station improvements located within a property located at 300 East Coast Highway. The project also includes sewer force main improvements that would extend from the proposed pump station, proceed westerly beneath the Newport Bay Channel to a disturbed area within Castaways Park, and extend southwest towards West Coast Highway to connect to the existing OCSD force main system.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would replace the Bay Bridge Pump Station and associated force mains. The project would bring the pump station facility and force mains to current design and reliability standards to ensure continuous service for the Newport Coast service area. The primary project components consist of: 1) pump station improvements; 2) Newport Bay Channel crossing force main improvements, and 3) West Coast Highway crossing force main improvements.

- Pump Station Improvements: The proposed project would include construction of new pump station facilities including pump station, generator, and odor control facilities within the northeastern portion of an existing recreational vehicle (RV) storage facility. The new pump station would be approximately 10,000 square feet in site area. In addition, the new pump station would require the replacement of several portions of the existing OCSD gravity sewer system, which would be constructed to convey wastewater to the new pump station wet well. The existing Bay Bridge Pump Station would be demolished after construction of the new pump station.
- Newport Bay Channel Crossing Force Main Improvements: The proposed project would include the construction of a total of 3,985 linear feet (LF) of dual 32-inch force mains to connect the proposed new pump station to the existing OCSD force main system west of the Newport Bay Channel. Part of the proposed force main alignment would require a crossing of the Newport Bay Channel, which would be constructed via trenchless methods to avoid impacts to the Channel environment.

 West Coast Highway Crossing Force Main Improvements: After crossing the Newport Bay Channel, the force main alignment would head southwest from a disturbed area in Castaways Park to the existing OCSD force main system. The alignment would extend to the south and to connect to an existing OCSD valve vault south of West Coast Highway, or would connect to the existing force mains within the Dover Drive/West Coast Highway intersection.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: Based on the analysis conducted within the DEIR, OCSD has determined that the project would not result in significant and unavoidable impacts with adherence to the recommended mitigation measures.

<u>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</u>: The project site is not reported on a list maintained pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

<u>PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:</u> OCSD has made this DEIR available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. Your response must be sent as soon as possible but received **no later than Friday, August 4, 2017**. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address below. If you challenge OCSD's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to OCSD prior to the end of the review period. The public review period for the DEIR is:

Starting Date: June 21, 2017 Ending Date: August 4, 2017

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the DEIR for the proposed project are available for public review on OCSD's website at www.ocsd.com, and at the following locations:

- OCSD, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Newport Beach Library Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660
- Newport Beach Library Balboa Branch, 100 East Balboa Boulevard, Balboa, CA 92661

<u>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</u>: A public comment meeting has been scheduled by OCSD on July 17, 2017, 6:00 PM, City of Newport Beach Public Library, Friends Meeting Room, 1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The meeting will include a brief overview of the project and a summary of the findings of the DEIR.

In addition, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM, for the OCSD Board of Directors to consider certification of the EIR. The meeting will be held at OCSD's Administrative Offices, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California 92708.

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For questions regarding the proposed project, contact Kevin Hadden at (714) 962-2411.

Signature:

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