



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
2020 RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE BAY BRIDGE PUMP STATION AND
FORCE MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

DATE: August 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the 2020 Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project

PROPONENT: Orange County Sanitation District

LEAD AGENCY: Orange County Sanitation District
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Notice is hereby given that the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) has completed the 2020 Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project (2020 RDEIR), which is available for public review, 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 southwestern portion of the City of Newport Beach (City), within the County of Orange. Locally, the project site is located at 300 East Coast Highway and is developed with an OCSD sewer pump station and associated improvements. The project site also includes sewer force main improvements that extend from the existing pump station westerly beneath the Newport Bay Channel (south of Bay Bridge) to an existing OCSD force main system and pipeline on the west side of Bay Bridge.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would replace the existing 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 pump station and force main improvements.

- **Pump Station Improvements:** The pump station improvement would include the demolition of the existing pump station building and the construction of new pump station facilities including a pump station, generator, and odor control facilities within and adjacent to the existing facility. The new, expanded pump station facility would be approximately 14,500 square feet in site area, as opposed to approximately 4,800 square feet under existing conditions (an increase of approximately 9,700 square feet). In addition, the new pump station would require the replacement of portions of the existing OCSD gravity sewer system, which would be constructed to convey wastewater to the new pump station wet well.
- **Force Main Improvements:** The force main improvements would include the construction of 1,500 linear feet of dual force mains (up to 32 inches in diameter) across the Newport Bay Channel south of Bay Bridge to connect the new pump station to the existing OCSD force main system west of the Newport Bay Channel. The project would either microtunnel or open trench cut under East Coast Highway, to the southside of the bridge, where the project would dredge under Newport Bay Channel.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: Based on the analysis conducted within the 2020 RDEIR, OCSD's conclusion is that the project would not result in significant and unavoidable impacts with adherence to the recommended mitigation measures.

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

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: OCSD is making the 2020 RDEIR available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15087 and 15105. Your response must be received **no later than September 21, 2020**. 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 2020 RDEIR is:

Starting Date: August 7, 2020

Ending Date: September 21, 2020

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: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of OCSD offices to the public, the 2020 RDEIR and all documents incorporated by reference are available for review in electronic format on OCSD's website at www.ocsd.com or by contacting the OCSD staff identified above to schedule an appointment to review the documents at the address indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: A virtual public comment meeting has been scheduled by OCSD for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM; the virtual link will be made available at www.ocsd.com in the "Calendar" tab. The meeting will include a brief overview of the project and a summary of the findings of the 2020 RDEIR.

A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the OCSD Board of Directors to consider certification of the 2020 RDEIR.

For questions regarding the proposed project, contact Kevin Hadden at (714) 962-2411 or CEQA@ocsd.com.

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