

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: City of Santa Cruz, Water Dept.
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Lead Agency (if different from above): NOD 015-24

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022060566

Project Title: Climate Resilient Santa Cruz: Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant Facility Improvements Project

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location (include county): Santa Cruz County. See attached map.

Project Description:

The Proposed Project would replace and substantially upgrade the majority of the existing water treatment processes at the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP) and associated infrastructure with modern facilities. The Proposed Project would improve the GHWTP to meet current seismic, building, electrical, and fire code requirements; support the treatment of wet season water to facilitate implementation of the City's Water Supply Augmentation Strategy and Securing Our Water Future Policy; increase the City's treatment reliability to meet current and anticipated future water quality requirements; and improve the ability to treat variable and degraded source water quality conditions, such as those associated with post-wildfire, severe storms, and droughts. Characteristics and elements of the Proposed Project include the following: reliable water treatment plant capacity, new and upgraded water treatment and related processes, new and upgraded buildings, infrastructure and site improvements, project operations and maintenance. Project construction is anticipated to commence in phases over a four-year period (from 2025 through 2029) while maintaining ongoing operations and continuous production of drinking water at GHWTP.

This is to advise that the City of Santa Cruz has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 9/10/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/water/online-reports/environmental-documents

Signature (Public Agency): Heidi Polueck Title: Water Director

Date: 9/10/2024 Date Received for Posting:

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 9/11 2024 AND ENDING 10/16 2024

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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