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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT 2020 ANNEXATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (District), acting as the lead agency, has accepted and coordinated the preparation of a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND), pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15072, for the Carmel Area Wastewater District 2020 Annexation Project.

Project Description: The proposed project is the 2020 CAWD Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment and Annexation in accordance with relevant codes and ordinances of the District, local jurisdictions, and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. The project area includes all CAWD's current jurisdictional boundaries in Monterey County, California and the areas being considered for SOI amendment and annexation; project areas include portions of the unincorporated communities of Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands (**Figure 1, attached**). The project proposes annexation of approximately 925 acres of developed land, outside of the current CAWD SOI, in locations where the District either anticipates, or has received applications for, near-term sewer service connection requests. This acreage includes approximately 220 acres outside the District's SOI but previously identified as "Future Study Area" located within the Carmel Highlands. The project actions identified above would result in the extension of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District to allow for future wastewater service extension in this area.

The District encourages the public to provide written comments on the environmental document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND will be accepted during a 30-day review period, from **June 1, 2020 to June 30**, **2020** at **5:00 PM**.

Address all written comments to: Rachél Lather, ME, PE, Principal Engineer, Carmel Area Wastewater District, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923. E-mail comments may be addressed to: Lather@cawd.org. Please provide comments prior to the close of the public review period, by 5 PM on June 30, 2020.

Document availability: The Draft IS/MND is available for review online at <u>https://www.cawd.org</u> and also at the District offices (at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California) during operating hours of the District.

For questions on the project, contact: Rachél Lather, MS, PE, Principal Engineer, Carmel Area Wastewater District (831) 624-1248 ex. 203.

