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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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☒ County Clerk
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From:
Public Agency: City of Corona
Address: 755 Public Safety Way
Corona, CA 92880
Contact: Gull Nawaz, Utility Engineer
Phone: (951) 739-4842

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
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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): 2020060417

Project Title: WRF-3 Lift Station

Project Applicant: City of Corona Department of Water and Power

Project Location (include county): City of Corona, Riverside County (APN# 279-470-022)

Project Description:

Proposal to construct a new sewage lift station to replace the existing Water Reclamation Facility #3. The proposed WRF-3 Lift Station will be constructed on City property within the boundary of the existing WRF-3 Treatment Plant. Upon construction of the lift station and connection to the existing pipelines the existing WRF-3 Treatment Plant will be abandoned.

This is to advise that the City of Corona (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on August 19, 2020 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] 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:
Contact Gull Nawaz, EIT, Utility Engineer at gull.nawaz@coronaca.gov

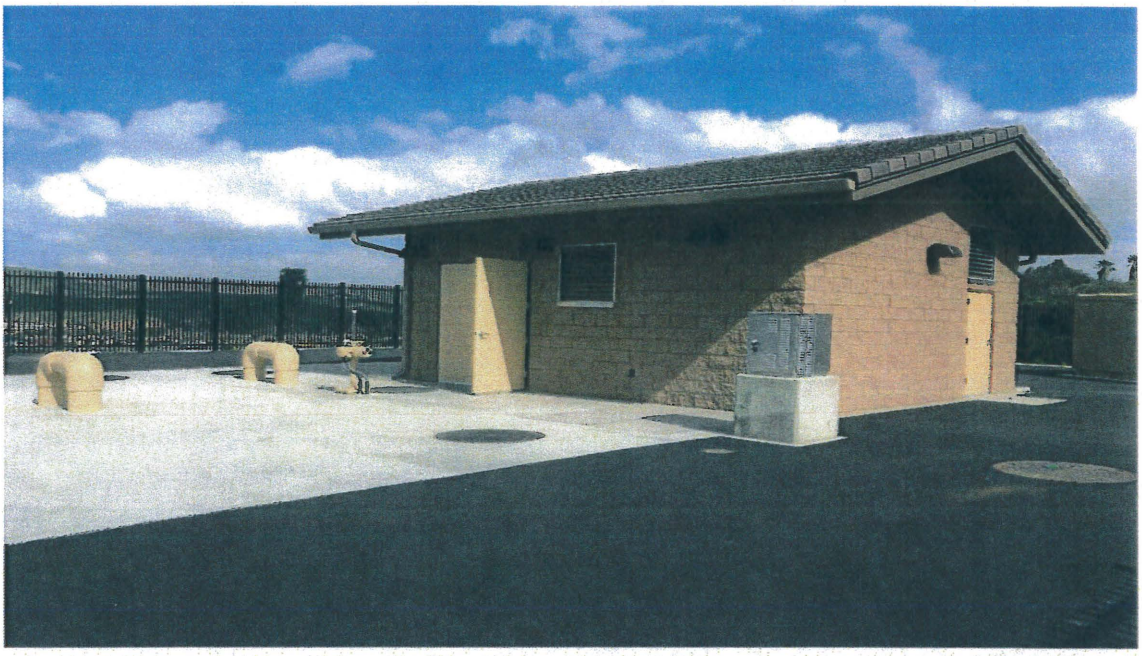
Signature (Public Agency): Sylvia Edwards Title: City Clerk

Date: 8/21/2020 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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1 Introduction

This Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS-MND) is an informational document prepared by the City of Corona Department of Water and Power (DWP) to construct a new sewage lift station to replace the existing Water Reclamation Facility #3 (WRF-3) Treatment Plant (project or proposed project). The primary objectives of the environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are to inform decision-makers and the public about a project's potentially significant environmental effects and identify feasible ways to minimize significant effects.

The original 1997 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the water reclamation facility accounted for future flows estimated from a development buildout condition. Although the current estimate of future buildout flows does not exceed the adopted 1997 EIR future estimated flows, the facility's functional change is considered altered enough to warrant additional environmental review for the new lift station. Based on the project-specific analysis presented in the Draft IS-MND, it was determined that for each topic, the project would have no impact or less than significant impact with the adoption of identified project-level mitigation measures. Therefore, an IS-MND, in accordance with CEQA, is the appropriate environmental document prepared for the proposed project.

This Final IS-MND has been prepared with assistance from the City's planning and environmental consultant, Rincon Consultants, Inc. The Final IS-MND has been reviewed by City staff for completeness and adequacy in accordance with Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 21000–21177 and the State CEQA Guidelines. The IS-MND becomes final upon certification by the City's decision-making body, consequently.

The Draft IS-MND was released for a 30-day public review period that concluded on July 18, 2020. The Draft IS-MND was provided to interested agencies and individuals (including tribal representatives), and submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit to distribute to State agencies; it was also made available on the City of Corona's website. No letters were received during the public review period.

This document is the Final IS/MND for the WRF-3 Treatment Plant project. The document includes:

- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- Draft IS/MND, June 2020 (included in Attachment A)

2 Public Comment Letters and City Responses

No public comment letters were received during the public comment period.

3 Clarifications and Revisions

No clarifications or revisions were made from the Draft IS-MND.

4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

CEQA requires adoption of a reporting or monitoring program for the conditions of project approval that are necessary to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment (Public Resources Code 21081.6). This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) (Table1) is intended to track and ensure compliance with adopted mitigation measures during the project implementation phase. For each mitigation measure recommended in the Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS-MND), specifications are made herein that identify the action required, the monitoring that must occur, and the agency or department responsible for oversight.

Table 1 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

Mitigation Measure/ Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Monitoring Frequency	Responsible Agency	Compliance Verification		
					Initial	Date	Comments
Biological Resources							
BIO-1 Nesting Bird Avoidance							
To avoid disturbance of nesting birds, including raptor species protected by the MBTA and CFGC, activities related to the project site, including, but not limited to, vegetation removal, ground disturbance, and construction and demolition shall occur outside of the bird breeding season (February 1 through August 31). If construction must begin during the breeding season, then a pre-construction nesting bird survey shall be conducted no more than three days prior to initiation of construction activities. The nesting bird pre-construction survey shall be conducted on-foot inside all portions of the project site proposed for development. Inaccessible areas shall be surveyed with the aid of binoculars to the extent practical. The survey shall be conducted by a biologist familiar with the identification of avian species known to occur in southern California. If nests are found, an avoidance buffer (50-feet for passerines or 100-feet for raptors) shall be demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing, flagging, construction lathe, or other means to mark the boundary. All construction personnel shall be notified as to the existence of the buffer zone and to avoid entering the buffer zone while the nest is active. No parking, storage of materials, or construction activities shall occur within this buffer until the avian biologist has confirmed that breeding/nesting is complete, and the young have fledged the nest. Encroachment into the buffer shall occur only at the discretion of the qualified biologist.	Verify completion of pre-construction nesting bird survey (if construction begins during the breeding season) by a qualified biologist prior to initiation of construction activities.	Verification of permit prior to issuance of construction permits; field verification throughout grading and construction activities.	Once for biologist verification; as needed throughout construction.	City of Corona Public Works Department			

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Cultural Resources							
CR-1 Retain a Native American Monitor							
A Native American monitor who is ancestrally related to the project area shall be retained to be on site to monitor project-related ground-disturbing construction activities that extend beyond previously disturbed depths (i.e., grading, excavation, trenching, etc.). Native American monitoring of project-related ground-disturbing activities shall be performed under the direction of the qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology (National Park Service 1983). If any previously unidentified tribal cultural resources are unearthed during project construction, the City shall continue Native American consultation procedures, which may determine additional measures to avoid or reduce impacts to the resource are required. These additional measures to avoid or reduce impacts shall be determined on a case-by-case basis and approved by the City.	Verify that a qualified Native American monitor has been retained.	Prior to issuance of grading permits.	Once.	City of Corona Public Works Department			
Geology and Soils							
GEO-1 Unanticipated Discovery of Paleontological Resources							
In the event an unanticipated fossil discovery is made during the course of project development, then in accordance with Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) (2010) guidelines, it is the responsibility of any worker who observes fossils within the project site to stop work in the immediate vicinity of the find and notify a qualified professional paleontologist who shall be retained to evaluate the discovery, determine its significance and if additional mitigation or treatment is warranted. Work in the area of the discovery will resume once the find is properly documented and authorization is given to resume construction work. Any significant paleontological resources found during construction monitoring will be prepared, identified, analyzed, and permanently curated in an approved regional museum repository.	Verification that appropriate procedures are followed if paleontological resources are identified during demolition, grading, and/or construction	As needed during grading and ground disturbing activities	As needed during grading and ground disturbing activities	City of Corona Public Works Department			

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