

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE (SCH) NUMBER: 2023030233

PROJECT NUMBER: 8753-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: OPUD South County Service Area Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the South County Service Area, specifically between Forty Mile Road and Rancho Road, in the city of Olivehurst, Yuba County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project, and City of Wheatland project (SCH #2021110022), under one agreement referred to internally as "Regional Wastewater Transmission and Treatment Facilities Project." The Project involves expanding and upgrading the wastewater collection system to handle wastewater from the City of Wheatland, utilizing unused capacity at OPUD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). It includes measures to reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) in historic Olivehurst, along with upgrades to the WWTP. The OPUD Project initially included five components to its objectives; however, Components 3 and 4 have since been removed from the Project. The remaining Project components consist of the following:

- Component 1: Completion of SSO reduction measures to the existing wastewater collection system serving the existing community of Olivehurst, including retrofits to an existing pump station (PS-1) on the Olivehurst Avenue/11th Avenue intersection; an existing wastewater collection pipeline on Olivehurst Avenue; a new pump station (PS-2) near the intersection of McGowan Parkway and Dan Avenue, and an eight-inch force main on McGowan Parkway to an existing pipeline serving the OPUD WWTP.
- Component 2: Modification of the existing OPUD WWTP to accommodate increased wet weather flows and replacing of equipment that has reached the end of its operational life, located within the existing 38-acre WWTP site which houses the WWTP, a corporation yard for the OPUD water utility, and a five-acre solar array.
- Component 5: Construction and operation of new wastewater treatment system to connect the City of Wheatland with the existing OPUD Olivehurst collection

system, allowing the OPUD WWTP to process Wheatland's untreated wastewater.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on June 16, 2016. The City of Wheatland will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was/was not adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines.

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RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: City of Wheatland

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Records of the financing approval and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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