



Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside
1000 N. Cabrillo Highway Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
Notice of Availability of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for
the SAM Force Main in Montara Replacement Project

Public Review Period: January 28, 2026 – February 27, 2026

The Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) is the lead agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed SAM Force Main in Montara Replacement Project (Project). In accordance with State CEQA guidelines, SAM has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project.

The IS/MND will be available for public review at the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside at 1000 N. Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, as well as the following website:

- <https://samcleanswater.org/upcoming-projects/>

Project Location: The Project site is located along State Route 1 (SR-1) between California Avenue in the census-designated place of Moss Beach and Sonora Avenue in the census-designated place of El Granada, within unincorporated San Mateo County (County), California. The Project traverses the census-designated places of Miramar, El Granada, and Moss Beach. The Project site is located approximately 3.4 miles northwest of State Route 92 (SR-92) and approximately 7.2 miles west of Interstate 280 (I-280). The nearest cross streets are Coronado Street to the southeast and California Street to the northwest. The Project site is located along SR-1, a highway that is a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) facility, mostly within the Caltrans right-of-way.

Project Description: The Project is proposed by SAM and includes the construction of a replacement sewer force main segment along SR-1 between the community of Moss Beach and the community of El Granada, with a proposed length of approximately 13,540 feet. The existing force main has experienced several leaks in the past and must be replaced to protect the public health and the environment. The Project alignment would be located south and north of SR-1 and would involve replacement in-kind of the existing sewer force main within Caltrans ROW. A total of five (5) construction staging areas are proposed along the Project site, three of which are located east of SR-1 and two of which are located west of SR-1. No construction staging would occur within sensitive habitat. Field construction activities for the Project are scheduled to be completed following regulatory and right of way permitting over a single continuous phase beginning in the summer of 2026 and ending in the summer of 2027.

Comments: Comments may be filed with SAM in response to the preparation of the IS/MND during the public review period ending February 27, 2026, pursuant to Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Comments may be directed to:

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