

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(XX) Proposed
() Final

NAME OF PROJECT: Mooretown Lift Station and Pipeline Upgrades

LOCATION: Unincorporated Oroville, Butte County, California

Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

(XX) Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District

Other () Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves the replacement of gravity sewer pipelines and manholes, and the replacement of sewer lift station pumps, electrical controls, and standby generator. Pipeline replacement will include approximately 1,270 feet of existing undersized 10" diameter sewer pipeline with new 18" diameter pipeline along with five 48" diameter concrete manholes to be installed in the same location as the existing facilities. Lift station upgrade will include replacement of two 25 horsepower pumps with two new 35 horsepower pumps, replacement of electrical control panels including motor controls, automatic transfer switch, SCADA telemetry equipment, and utility meter/main, and replacement of the standby generator.

Finding: It is hereby found that the above named project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Initial Study: An initial study of this project was undertaken and prepared in accordance with Section 15063 of the EIR Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act for the purpose of ascertaining whether this project might have a significant effect upon the environment. A copy of such initial study is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such initial study documents reasons to support the above finding.

Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects:

M-1. Fugitive dust emissions resulting from site clearing and any project improvements shall be minimized at all times utilizing control measures including dust palliative, regularly applied water, graveled or paved haul roads, etc. Access or

haul roads adjacent to the project must be treated as necessary to prevent off-site migration and accumulation of dirt, soils, or other materials which can subsequently become entrained in ambient air, either from construction related vehicles or from any vehicle using adjacent affected roads.

M-2. When transporting material during site preparation or construction, measures shall be used to prevent materials from spilling or blowing onto street and highways. Earthen materials, if transported, shall be adequately sprayed with water or covered prior to transport onto public roads. Vegetative material shall be tarped as necessary prior to transport. Specific control measures shall be noted on improvement and/or grading plans.

M-3. Prior to the project starting, LOAPUD will apply for coverage under a 5 Year General Lake or Steambed Alteration Agreement Permit (LSA) for the proposed crossing of both Wyman Ravine and the 2nd smaller intermittent stream crossing. All requirements from the permit will be incorporated into project plans and construction.

M-4. If development or ground disturbing activities within the Project area will occur during the nesting season for raptors and ground nesting MBTA protected birds (between March 1st and August 31st), a pre-construction nesting survey should be conducted if such development activities pose a risk to nest abandonment prior to the fledging of young from such nests.

M-5. If artifacts, paleontological or cultural, or unusual amounts of stone, bone, or shell are uncovered during construction activity, work shall be halted and a qualified archaeologist shall be consulted for an on-site review. Mitigation measures, as recommended by the archaeologist and approved by the District shall be implemented prior to recommencement of construction activity. If any bone appears to be human, California law mandates that the Butte County Coroner and the Native American Heritage Commission be contacted.

M-6. All equipment (i.e., excavator) will be properly cleaned and inspected for leaks before entering the project areas. Petroleum products, and other substances which could be hazardous to aquatic life will be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering the waters of the state. Refueling and/or equipment repair shall be conducted in an upland area away from the channel.

M-7. A Spill Containment Kit will be on-site at all times. Any spills of hazardous materials, petroleum products or other pollutants will be reported immediately to the CDFW.

M-8. The following Best Management Practices and erosion control measures will be incorporated into the project design to avoid and/or minimize impacts to channel

habitat and water quality. A copy of all mitigation measures outlined below will be on-site at all times.

M-8.1. Pipeline installation across the channel will only occur when flow is absent and there is no predicted storm event that could cause runoff from surfaces exposed by construction. Should dewatering be necessary, the Contractor will construct a coffer dam on the upstream side of the channel using sand or gravel filled bags under engineer supervision. Contractor will either install a gravity-fed pipe around the construction area or pump water to the downstream channel.

M-8.2. Pipeline installation at the channel crossings will not begin until the Project Engineer has provided instruction to all on-site construction personnel regarding the importance of avoiding and minimizing impacts to the channel habitat.

M-8.3. Pipeline installation will not begin until adequate silt-fencing and temporary orange construction fencing have been placed to delineate a 4-foot wide construction corridor across the channel habitat. All construction equipment or material will be prohibited upstream or downstream of the fencing.

M-8.4. Equipment and material staging and storage areas will be located away from the channel.

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M-8.6. No backfill soil shall be sidecast or placed near the channel. Backfill soil will be temporarily stockpiled in an upland area. All excavated material not used for backfill will be transported to an appropriate landfill.

M-8.7. Disturbance of terrestrial and aquatic vegetation will not exceed the minimum necessary to complete operations.

M-8.8. A Spill Containment Kit will be on-site at all times. Any spills of hazardous materials, petroleum products or other pollutants will be reported immediately to the CDFW.

M-8.9. No dumping, burning, and/or burying of rubbish, garbage, or any

other wastes or fill materials will be permitted. All construction related materials shall be removed from the work site upon completion of the project.

M-8.10. The drainage channel area will be restored to original grade and condition using native material. No changes to the hydrology of the channel will occur.

Date: 02-10-2026

By: _____
David Goyer, General Manager