NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: June 5, 2026

To: Agencies and Interested Parties

From: Doug DeMaster, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Napa

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Napa Water System 30-Year Capital Improvement Master Plan (WMP)**

Review Period: June 5, 2026 to July 9, 2026

The City of Napa (City) will be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the City of Napa Water System 30-Year Capital Improvement Master Plan (WMP). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15152, the EIR will tier off the City's 2040 General Plan Program EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2021010255). The EIR will incorporate by reference, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15150, the Environmental and Regulatory Setting, relevant General Plan EIR analyses (e.g., land use growth assumptions, cumulative impacts, population assumptions) and Cumulative Impacts sections of the City of Napa 2040 General Plan EIR. The purpose of this 30-day Notice of Preparation (NOP) and notice of public scoping meeting is to solicit comments from public agencies and interested persons regarding the scope and content of the environmental information and analyses, including the significant environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be included in the Draft Program EIR (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082). The location, project description, and potential environmental effects of the proposed project are summarized in the attached materials and can be found on the City's website at https://www.cityofnapa.org/362/Water-Division.

PROVIDING COMMENTS

The City is soliciting written comments from public agencies, organizations, tribes, and individuals regarding the scope and content of the environmental document. Keep in mind that there will be another opportunity to submit detailed comments when the Draft Program EIR is released for public review. Please send all comments **by no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2026**. Please send written comments to:

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PROJECT LOCATION

Location: While most of the City's water supply is delivered to customers within the City limits, the City also serves water outside the City limits and even outside the Sphere of Influence (SOI), including customers in the Monticello Park/Silverado Resort community, the independent Congress Valley Water District, the Carneros Mutual Water Company, and along the Conn Transmission Main. The City also serves the Napa State Hospital located outside the City limits. The City also exports water to the City of American Canyon (American Canyon), the City of St. Helena (St. Helena), the City of Calistoga (Calistoga),

the Town of Yountville (Yountville), and the California Veterans Home. Reference the attached figure for the water service area boundary.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Napa WMP is a comprehensive 30-year roadmap for maintaining and enhancing the City's water system infrastructure and includes the following improvements over the near-term (2026 through 2030 by year), mid-term (2031 through 2035 by year), and long-term (2036 through 2055 as a single group): Watershed – Supply Source, Water Quality – Treatment, and Water Transmission (Storage Tanks, Pump Stations, Transmission Mains and Distribution Mains).

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Probable Environmental Effects: Based on the Initial Study prepared for the project, the County has determined that the following range of issues identified in the CEQA Guidelines, listed below, shall be addressed in the Focused PEIR.

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Wildfire

In addition to the above areas, the Focused EIR will also evaluate the potential cumulative and growth-inducing effects of the project, as required by CEQA. Reasonably foreseeable future projects will be considered in the Focused EIR.
Comments and suggestions are requested regarding the environmental issues that will be analyzed in the EIR during the 30-day public comment period for the NOP.

Potential Alternatives to be addressed in the EIR: In accordance with section 15126.6 of the State CEQA Guidelines, an EIR must "describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the project, or to the location of the project, which would feasibly attain most the basic objectives of the project but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the project and evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives." As required by CEQA, the EIR will evaluate a No Project Alternative, which would assume no WMP adoption, no new water supply infrastructure would be constructed or upgraded, and operation of the City's water treatment, pumping, storage, and conveyance infrastructure would continue like existing conditions. Aside from the no project alternative, the City has not yet determined what additional alternatives to the project will be evaluated in the EIR. These will be identified during the environmental review process. Once selected, the alternatives will be analyzed at a qualitative level of detail in the Draft Focused EIR for comparison against the impacts identified for the proposed project, consistent with the requirements of CEQA.

Requests for Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact Doug DeMaster at the City of Napa, Utilities Department, PO Box 660, Napa, CA 94559, by telephone at (707) 257-9521, or by email to: watermasterplan@cityofnapa.org.