

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #**Project Title:** Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements ProjectLead Agency: City of Santa MariaContact Person: Shad S. Springer, Director of UtilitiesMailing Address: 110 East Cook StreetPhone: (805) 925-0951, ext. 7211City: Santa Maria Zip: 93454County: Santa Barbara**Project Location:** County: Santa Barbara City/Nearest Community: Santa MariaCross Streets: Black Road, Main Street, Stowell Road Zip Code: 93458Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 57 ' 47 " N / 120 ° 29 ' 30 " W Total Acres: 310Assessor's Parcel No.: 113-120-034, 117-191-010, 117-191-013, 117-820-002Section: _____ Twp.: 11N Range: 34W Base: SBWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-166Waterways: N/AAirports: N/ARailways: Santa Maria RailroadSchools: Bonita Elementary, Fitzgerald Community School**Document Type:**

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☒ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☒ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☒ Waste Treatment: Type upgrades to existing facilities MGD 10.0
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☐ Other: construction of 6 new percolation ponds, totaling approximately 42 acres
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:Zoning: Public Facilities (PF), General Plan Designation: Community Facilities (CF)**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The City of Santa Maria (City) proposes to expand and update its existing WWTP to accommodate anticipated growth, provide long-term reliable treatment, and adhere to applicable regulatory requirements, including the updated effluent discharge limits. The project would modify the existing WWTP currently owned and operated by the City at 601 Black Road, Santa Maria, California 93458, and expand onto adjacent land to the east and southeast. The City, in coordination with Carollo Engineers, prepared a Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan to provide a 35-year road map for the City's wastewater treatment, disposal, and reuse needs. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan updates, replaces, and expands on the existing 1993 Master Plan. As identified in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan, the proposed project would include three components: (1) near-term projects that must be completed prior to the initiation of Phase 1; (2) Phase 1 Improvements; and (3) Phase 2 Improvements. With implementation of the Phase 1 Improvements, the City anticipates that an additional 11 full-time employees would be needed, for a total of 25 dedicated WWTP and collections staff. The WWTP would continue to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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☐ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>3</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>5</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☒ Other: <u>CUPA</u>
☐ Housing & Community Development	☒ Other: <u>CA Dept of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety & Health</u>
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 7/21/26 Ending Date 8/19/26

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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City/State/Zip: <u>San Luis Obispo, California 93401</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Santa Maria, California 93454</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Cody Graybehl* Date: 7/15/26

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.