

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Lead Agency: City of Santa Maria

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Project Location: Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality - Construction of the proposed project could result in fugitive dust, and toxic air contaminants. Mitigation includes implementation of Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) standard dust control and equipment exhaust measures.

Biological Resources - Implementation of the proposed project could impact special-status wildlife species. Mitigation includes worker environmental awareness training, project site delineation, preconstruction surveys and avoidance measures, and additional construction site housekeeping and operational requirements to ensure that direct and indirect effects to special-status species are avoided during project construction and operation.

Cultural Resources - Archaeological resources could be discovered during ground disturbing activities. Mitigation includes stopping work in the event of a discovery, consulting a qualified archaeologist, and implementing appropriate measures to evaluate, and protect the resource.

Tribal Cultural Resources - Tribal cultural resources could be discovered during ground disturbing activities. Mitigation includes stopping work in the event of a discovery, and implementing appropriate measures to evaluate, and protect the resource.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Not applicable

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
State Water Resources Control Board
Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services certified by the California Environmental Protection Agency as the
Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)
State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety & Health