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SCH #

Project Title: Wastewater Energy and Electrical Resiliency Project

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City: Santa Cruz | Zip: 95060 | County: Santa Cruz

Project Location: County: Santa Cruz | City/Nearest Community: Santa Cruz

Cross Streets: California Street and Bay Street | Zip Code: 95060

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds)*: 36 ° 57 ′ 43 ″ N / 122 ° 01 ′ 50.9 ″ W Total Acres: 30

Assessor's Parcel No.: 004-33-102,004-33-105 | Section: 24 | Twp.: 11S | Range: R2W | Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1 | Waterways: San Lorenzo River, Neary Lagoon

Airports: N/A | Railways: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line | Schools: Bay View Elementary, Santa Cruz HS

*** Required field**

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☒ Mit Neg Dec | ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ____ Other: ____

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other: ____

Local Action Type:

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

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units* ____ Acres* ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft.* ____ Acres* ____ Employees* ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.* ____ Acres* ____ Employees* ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft.* ____ Acres* ____ Employees* ____
☐ Educational: ____
☐ Recreational: ____
☐ Water Facilities: Type* ____ MGD* ____
☐ Transportation: Type* ____
☐ Mining: Mineral* ____
☐ Power: Type* ____ MW* ____
☒ Waste Treatment: Type* electrical upgrades MGD* 17
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type* ____
☐ Other: ____

*** Required field based on Development Type selected**

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetics
☒ Agriculture and Forestry
☒ Air Quality
☒ Biological Resources
☒ Coastal Zone
☒ Cultural Resources
☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☒ Energy
☐ Fiscal Impacts
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
☒ Geology/Soils
☒ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
☐ Growth Inducement
☒ Hazards/Hazardous Materials
☒ Hydrology/Water Quality
☒ Land Use/Planning
☒ Mandatory Findings of Significance
☒ Mineral Resources
☒ Noise
☒ Population/Housing
☒ Public Services
☒ Recreation
☐ Schools/Universities
☐ Septic System
☐ Sewer Capacity
☒ Solid Waste
☒ Transportation
☒ Tribal Cultural Resources
☒ Utilities/Service Systems
☒ Vegetation
☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Wildfire
☐ Other: ____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Public Facility (PF), Community Commerical (CC)

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The Wastewater Energy and Electrical Resiliency (WEER) Project would modernize and replace aging electrical infrastructure at the City Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to improve electrical system reliability, resiliency, operational flexibility, worker safety, and emergency preparedness. Most of the electrical distribution systems at the facility were installed in the 1980's and 1990's. While well maintained, it has exceeded its useful life and creates operational and maintenance challenges. The project includes replacement of deteriorated underground electrical distribution lines, completion of a redundant facility-wide electrical loop, replacement and consolidation of substations, transformers, and switchgear, construction of a new main electrical building, demolition of the existing maintenance building, installation of a new centralized standby power generation system, and upgrades to electrical equipment serving treatment processes such as interstage pumps and aeration blowers. The project would also replace obsolete medium-voltage equipment with modern electrical systems, incorporate upgraded controls and variable-frequency drives to improve operational efficiency, and provide infrastructure capable of supporting long-term WWTF operations. Replacements and upgrades are needed to improve reliability, safety, maintainability, and alignment with current standards to establish a 30-to-40-year service lifespan.

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X	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	X	Regional WQCB # 3
____	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.
X	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	X	SWRCB: Water Quality
____	Energy Commission	____	SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Game Region # 3	____	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
____	Food & Agriculture, Department of	X	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
____	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	X	Water Resources, Department of
____	General Services, Department of		
____	Health Services, Department of	____	Other: ____
____	Housing & Community Development	____	Other: ____
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date October 21, 2026 Ending Date November 20, 2026

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