



City of Wheatland

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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE WHEATLAND REGIONAL SEWER PIPELINE PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH# 2021110022)

The City of Wheatland has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to consider the potential environmental effects of the proposed Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project (proposed project). The project site consists of an approximately eight-mile-long sewer pipeline alignment located within portions of the City of Wheatland (City) and unincorporated areas within Yuba County (County). Generally, the pipeline alignment would extend from an existing pump station near the City's existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) north to a point of connection with the Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) wastewater system in an unincorporated area of the County.

The primary goal of the proposed project is to construct the necessary pipelines and pump stations to successfully convey all current and future wastewater into a regional sewer system serving south Yuba County. The proposed pipeline would connect to OPUD's force main (currently under design) near Rancho Road and State Route 65. OPUD would convey the flow to OPUD's WWTP, where the flows would be treated to a tertiary level and discharged into a tributary to the Feather River. Additionally, three new pump stations would be constructed along the new pipeline to convey all projected flows to the OPUD point of connection and a new Public Works corporation yard would be constructed within the Pump Station 2 site. After construction of the pipeline and pump stations, it is anticipated that the City's existing WWTP would be decommissioned, though the possibility exists for the WWTP to remain in operation for an interim period.

The project site is not on any hazardous waste sites list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The DEIR determined that impacts to all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental topic areas would be less than significant or less-than-significant with the implementation of mitigation measures, with the exception of impacts related to agricultural resources, which the DEIR determined would remain significant and unavoidable.

Copies of the DEIR can be reviewed online at the following web address:

<http://www.wheatland.ca.gov/departments/community-development/>

Reviewers should focus on the adequacy of the DEIR in discussing possible impacts upon the environment, ways in which adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project. Reviewers who wish to comment on the DEIR are urged to submit written comments to:

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The public comment period is from December 14, 2022 through January 23, 2023. Written comments are due to the City of Wheatland by **5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023**.

A public meeting or hearing is not currently scheduled on the proposed project. The City will provide a separate public notice prior to any such meetings or hearings.