Exhibit A

Responses to Comments Mitigated Negative Declaration

Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project September 30, 2024

The San Mateo County Department of Public Works (County) prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project (Project) and published it for public review and comment between August 2, 2024, and September 3, 2024. This document contains the County's responses to comments received from agencies, organizations, and persons during the public review period of the IS/MND.

As listed in Table 1: *Public Comments*, the County received four comment letters during the public review period. Each comment letter has been assigned a letter numbering, and comments in each letter have been bracketed and numbered for the ease of referencing. None of the comments indicate that the Project would result in a new or significant environmental impact not previously disclosed in the IS/MND.

Table 1: Public Comments

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Comment Letter A

Letter A

Subject: Re: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer

Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

Attachments: AMTB Letter of Response 2024.pdf

From: Amah Mutsun Tribal < irennezwierlein@gmail.com >

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:11 AM

To: Heyman, Barbara < Barbara. Heyman@mbakerintl.com >

Subject: EXTERNAL: Re: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer

Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello Barbara,

Please see the attached documents with our recommendations. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 650-851-7489 or email us at amthinc21@gmail.com.

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Thank you,

Lorelei Alli

AMTB Inc.

On Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 10:04 AM Heyman, Barbara < Barbara.Heyman@mbakerintl.com wrote:

Greetings,

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project is available for public review. Attached is the Notice of Availability. The files are also available on the County Public Works website:

FOSMD Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project - Phase 1 | County of San Mateo, CA (smcgov.org)

Written comments can be submitted until September 3, 2024. Please contact Milton Wong, PE, Project Manager, (cc'd) if you have any questions concerning the Project.

Kindly,

Barbara Heyman

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Barbara's Personal eFTP File Drop

Letter A

The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista & A.M.T.B. Inc.

Letter of Response

To whom it may concern:

It is our pride and privilege to be of service for any Native American Cultural Resource Monitoring, Consulting and/ or Sensitivity Training you may need or require. We take our Heritage and History seriously and are diligent about preserving as much of it as we can. Construction is a constant in the Bay Area and with that new discoveries are bound to happen. If you choose our services, we will gladly guide all personnel through proper procedures to safely protect and preserve: Culture, Heritage, and History.

It is highly recommended, if not previously done, to search through Sacred Lands Files (SLF) and California Historical Resource Information Systems (CHRIS) as well as reaching out to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) In order to determine whether you are working in a Cultural and/or Historic sensitivity.

If you have received any positive cultural or historic sensitivity within 1 mile of the project area here are A.M.T.B Inc's and Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista's recommendations:

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- All Crews, Individuals and Personnel who will be moving any earth be Cultural Sensitivity Trained.
- A Qualified California Trained Archaeological Monitor is present during any earth movement.
- A Qualified Native American Monitor is present during any earth movement.

If further Consultation, Monitoring or Sensitivity Training is needed please feel free to contact A.M.T.B. Inc. or Myself Directly. A.M.T.B. Inc. 650 851 7747

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3030 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport CA 95453 amtbinc21@gmail.com (650)851-7447

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista & AMTB Inc.

3030 Soda Bay Road Lakeport, CA 95453

Our rates for 2024 are

\$275.00 per hour.

4 hours minimum

Cancellations not 48 hours (about 2 days) prior will be charged as a 4-hour minimum. There is a round trip mileage charge if canceled after they have traveled to site.

Anything over 8 hours a day is charged as time and a half.

Weekends are charged at time and a half.

Holidays are charged at double the time.

For fiscal year (FY) 2024, standard per diem rate of \$412. (\$333. lodging, \$79 M&IE).

M&IE Breakdown FY 2023

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Beginning 2024, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car round trip (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: \$.67 cents per mile driven for business use or what the current federal standard is at the time.

Our Payment terms are 5 days from date on invoice.

Our Monitors are Members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the A.M.T.B. Inc. at the below contact information.

Sincerely,

Arenne Zwierlein

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Response to Letter A – Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista and AMTB Inc., August 1, 2024.

- **A-1** The commenter notes that a comment letter is attached to the email. No response is required.
- A-2 The commenter notes that the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Indians provides Native American cultural resource monitoring, consulting, and/or sensitivity training.

This comment is for informational purposes only and does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

A-3 The commenter recommends conducting a search through the Sacred Lands Files (SLF) and California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) as well as reaching out to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

The recommendation in Comment A-3 has been completed. As documented in Section 18 of the IS/MND, a Cultural Resources Identification Memorandum (included as Appendix C of the IS/MND) was prepared for the Project. The research conducted included a CHRIS records search at the Northwest Information Center (NWIC), historical society consultation, literature and map review, SLF search, and outreach to 12 Native American tribal contacts. None of the tribal contacts, including the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, provided information indicating the presence of tribal cultural resources or a heightened sensitivity for buried tribal cultural resources within the Project site, and none of the tribes invited to consult requested additional consultation regarding the Project. The research did not result in a finding of any historical resources within the Project site. Additionally, a buried archaeological sensitivity assessment determined low sensitivity for buried archaeological resources within the Project site.

A-4 The commenter provides recommendations in the event that there are any positive cultural or historic sensitivity within 1 mile of the Project area. The commenter provides a contact for cultural consultation, monitoring, or sensitivity training.

The Cultural Resources Identification Memorandum identified two cultural resources adjacent to the Project site: Redwood City Harbor Company Spur/Union Pacific Railroad and Pacific Gas & Electric Redwood City Substation. Neither qualify as a historical resource nor are eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources.

The SLF search yielded positive results. Positive results, however, do not necessarily indicate the presence of a sacred land within a project site, but rather a listing for a sacred land within the project vicinity. To determine the presence of sacred lands or other potential tribal cultural resources within the Project site, as mentioned above, outreach was conducted to local tribal contacts provided by the NAHC. As discussed in Response A-3, the outreach did not result in the identification of any resources within the Project site.

Nevertheless, the Project will comply with existing laws and regulations that would reduce potential impacts to cultural resources to acceptable standards. The Project will implement Project Design Features CUL-1 and CUL-2 included in the IS/MND and shown below. These Project Design Features require the County and Construction Manager to

implement established procedures if there are any inadvertent discoveries of subsurface cultural resources and human remains. Should an accidental discovery(ies) occur during earth-moving activities and if recommended by a qualified archaeologist, the County may contact the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista and AMTB Inc. for the services listed in the comment.

PDF CUL-1

In the event that any subsurface cultural resources are encountered during earth-moving activities, excavations within 50 feet should be halted until an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology can evaluate the findings and make recommendations. Prehistoric materials can include flaked-stone tools (e.g., projectile points, knives, choppers) or obsidian, chert, or quartzite toolmaking debris; culturally darkened soil (i.e., midden soil often containing heat-affected rock, ash, and charcoal, shellfish remains, and cultural materials); and stone milling equipment (e.g., mortars, pestles, handstones). Historical materials might include wood, stone, or concrete footings, walls, and other structural remains; debris-filled wells or privies; and deposits of wood, metal, glass, ceramics, and other refuse. The archaeologist may evaluate the find in accordance with federal, state, and local guidelines, including those set forth in the California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2, to assess the significance of the find and identify avoidance or other measures as appropriate.

PDF CUL-2

If human remains are found, excavations shall stop within 50 feet of the find, and State of California Health and Safety Code Sections 7050.5-7055 will be followed. The contractor shall notify the County immediately. The County will notify the San Mateo County coroner. If the coroner determines the remains are human and archaeological, in compliance with Section 5097.98 of the California Public Resources Code, the coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission, who will identify the legal most likely descendant (MLD). If avoidance is not feasible, then the qualified archaeologist, in consultation with the MLD, shall prepare and execute a plan of treatment with the advice and consent of the County. Treatment is anticipated to include respectful excavation of the remains and repatriation and reburial.

A-5 The commenter provides a rate sheet and proof of insurance for services.

This comment is for informational purposes and does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

Comment Letter B

Letter B

 From:
 PGE Plan Review

 To:
 Heyman, Barbara

Subject: EXTERNAL: Automatic reply: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer

Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:05:30 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello,

Thank you for contacting PG&E's Plan Review Team. Due to high volumes of requests for review, expect delays in receiving comments or a project specific response from PG&E. Please see PG&E's general construction restrictions and guidelines for proposed projects around gas and electric facilities and incorporate these preliminary notes into your project design.

Gas Facilities

There could be gas transmission pipelines in this area which would be considered critical facilities for PG&E and a high priority subsurface installation under California law. Care must be taken to ensure safety and accessibility. So, please ensure that if PG&E approves work near gas transmission pipelines it is done in adherence with the below stipulations. Additionally, the following link provides additional information regarding legal requirements under California excavation laws: https://www.usanorth811.org/images/pdfs/CA-LAW-2018.pdf

- 1. Standby Inspection: A PG&E Gas Transmission Standby Inspector must be present during any demolition or construction activity that comes within 10 feet of the gas pipeline. This includes all grading, trenching, substructure depth verifications (potholes), asphalt or concrete demolition/removal, removal of trees, signs, light poles, etc. This inspection can be coordinated through the Underground Service Alert (USA) service at 811. A minimum notice of 48 hours is required. Ensure the USA markings and notifications are maintained throughout the duration of your work.
- 2. Access: At any time, PG&E may need to access, excavate, and perform work on the gas pipeline. Any construction equipment, materials, or spoils may need to be removed upon notice. Any temporary construction fencing installed within PG&E's easement would also need to be capable of being removed at any time upon notice. Any plans to cut temporary slopes exceeding a 1:4 grade within 10 feet of a gas transmission pipeline need to be approved by PG&E Pipeline Services in writing PRIOR to performing the work.
- 3. Wheel Loads: To prevent damage to the buried gas pipeline, there are weight limits that must be enforced whenever any equipment gets within 10 feet of traversing the pipe.

Ensure a list of the axle weights of all equipment being used is available for PG&E's Standby Inspector. To confirm the depth of cover, the pipeline may need to be potholed by hand in a few areas.

Due to the complex variability of tracked equipment, vibratory compaction equipment, and cranes, PG&E must evaluate those items on a case-by-case basis prior to use over the gas

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No equipment may be set up over the gas pipeline while operating. Ensure crane outriggers are at least 10 feet from the centerline of the gas pipeline. Transport trucks must not be parked over the gas pipeline while being loaded or unloaded.

- 4. Grading: PG&E requires a minimum of 36 inches of cover over gas pipelines (or existing grade if less) and a maximum of 7 feet of cover at all locations. The graded surface cannot exceed a cross slope of 1:4.
- 5. Excavating: Any digging within 2 feet of a gas pipeline must be dug by hand. Note that while the minimum clearance is only 12 inches, any excavation work within 24 inches of the edge of a pipeline must be done with hand tools. So to avoid having to dig a trench entirely with hand tools, the edge of the trench must be over 24 inches away. (Doing the math for a 24 inch wide trench being dug along a 36 inch pipeline, the centerline of the trench would need to be at least 54 inches [24/2 + 24 + 36/2 = 54] away, or be entirely dug by hand.)

Water jetting to assist vacuum excavating must be limited to 1000 psig and directed at a 40° angle to the pipe. All pile driving must be kept a minimum of 3 feet away.

Any plans to expose and support a PG&E gas transmission pipeline across an open excavation need to be approved by PG&E Pipeline Services in writing PRIOR to performing the work.

6. Boring/Trenchless Installations: PG&E Pipeline Services must review and approve all plans to bore across or parallel to (within 10 feet) a gas transmission pipeline. There are stringent criteria to pothole the gas transmission facility at regular intervals for all parallel bore installations.

For bore paths that cross gas transmission pipelines perpendicularly, the pipeline must be potholed a minimum of 2 feet in the horizontal direction of the bore path and a minimum of 12 inches in the vertical direction from the bottom of the pipe with minimum clearances measured from the edge of the pipe in both directions. Standby personnel must watch the locator trace (and every ream pass) the path of the bore as it approaches the pipeline and visually monitor the pothole (with the exposed transmission pipe) as the bore traverses the pipeline to ensure adequate clearance with the pipeline. The pothole width must account for the inaccuracy of the locating equipment.

7. Substructures: All utility crossings of a gas pipeline should be made as close to perpendicular as feasible (90° +/- 15°). All utility lines crossing the gas pipeline must have a minimum of 12 inches of separation from the gas pipeline. Parallel utilities, pole bases, water line 'kicker blocks', storm drain inlets, water meters, valves, back pressure devices or other utility substructures are not allowed in the PG&E gas pipeline easement.

If previously retired PG&E facilities are in conflict with proposed substructures, PG&E must verify they are safe prior to removal. This includes verification testing of the contents of the facilities, as well as environmental testing of the coating and internal surfaces. Timelines for PG&E completion of this verification will vary depending on the type and location of

facilities in conflict.

- 8. Structures: No structures are to be built within the PG&E gas pipeline easement. This includes buildings, retaining walls, fences, decks, patios, carports, septic tanks, storage sheds, tanks, loading ramps, or any structure that could limit PG&E's ability to access its facilities.
- 9. Fencing: Permanent fencing is not allowed within PG&E easements except for perpendicular crossings which must include a 16 foot wide gate for vehicular access. Gates will be secured with PG&E corporation locks.
- 10. Landscaping: Landscaping must be designed to allow PG&E to access the pipeline for maintenance and not interfere with pipeline coatings or other cathodic protection systems. No trees, shrubs, brush, vines, and other vegetation may be planted within the easement area. Only those plants, ground covers, grasses, flowers, and low-growing plants that grow unsupported to a maximum of four feet (4') in height at maturity may be planted within the easement area.
- 11. Cathodic Protection: PG&E pipelines are protected from corrosion with an "Impressed Current" cathodic protection system. Any proposed facilities, such as metal conduit, pipes, service lines, ground rods, anodes, wires, etc. that might affect the pipeline cathodic protection system must be reviewed and approved by PG&E Corrosion Engineering.
- 12. Pipeline Marker Signs: PG&E needs to maintain pipeline marker signs for gas transmission pipelines in order to ensure public awareness of the presence of the pipelines. With prior written approval from PG&E Pipeline Services, an existing PG&E pipeline marker sign that is in direct conflict with proposed developments may be temporarily relocated to accommodate construction work. The pipeline marker must be moved back once construction is complete.
- 13. PG&E is also the provider of distribution facilities throughout many of the areas within the state of California. Therefore, any plans that impact PG&E's facilities must be reviewed and approved by PG&E to ensure that no impact occurs which may endanger the safe operation of its facilities.

Electric Facilities

It is PG&E's policy to permit certain uses on a case by case basis within its electric transmission fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) provided such uses and manner in which they are exercised, will not interfere with PG&E's rights or endanger its facilities. Some examples/restrictions are as follows:

- 1. Buildings and Other Structures: No buildings or other structures including the foot print and eave of any buildings, swimming pools, wells or similar structures will be permitted within fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) areas. PG&E's transmission easement shall be designated on subdivision/parcel maps as "RESTRICTED USE AREA NO BUILDING."
- 2. Grading: Cuts, trenches or excavations may not be made within 25 feet of our towers. Developers must submit grading plans and site development plans (including geotechnical

- 3. Fences: Walls, fences, and other structures must be installed at locations that do not affect the safe operation of PG&'s facilities. Heavy equipment access to our facilities must be maintained at all times. Metal fences are to be grounded to PG&E specifications. No wall, fence or other like structure is to be installed within 10 feet of tower footings and unrestricted access must be maintained from a tower structure to the nearest street. Walls, fences and other structures proposed along or within the fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) will require PG&E review; submit plans to PG&E Centralized Review Team for review and comment.
- 4. Landscaping: Vegetation may be allowed; subject to review of plans. On overhead electric transmission fee strip(s) and/or easement(s), trees and shrubs are limited to those varieties that do not exceed 10 feet in height at maturity. PG&E must have access to its facilities at all times, including access by heavy equipment. No planting is to occur within the footprint of the tower legs. Greenbelts are encouraged.
- 5. Reservoirs, Sumps, Drainage Basins, and Ponds: Prohibited within PG&E's fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) for electric transmission lines.
- 6. Automobile Parking: Short term parking of movable passenger vehicles and light trucks (pickups, vans, etc.) is allowed. The lighting within these parking areas will need to be reviewed by PG&E; approval will be on a case by case basis. Heavy equipment access to PG&E facilities is to be maintained at all times. Parking is to clear PG&E structures by at least 10 feet. Protection of PG&E facilities from vehicular traffic is to be provided at developer's expense AND to PG&E specifications. Blocked-up vehicles are not allowed. Carports, canopies, or awnings are not allowed.
- 7. Storage of Flammable, Explosive or Corrosive Materials: There shall be no storage of fuel or combustibles and no fueling of vehicles within PG&E's easement. No trash bins or incinerators are allowed.
- 8. Streets and Roads: Access to facilities must be maintained at all times. Street lights may be allowed in the fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) but in all cases must be reviewed by PG&E for proper clearance. Roads and utilities should cross the transmission easement as nearly at right angles as possible. Road intersections will not be allowed within the transmission easement.
- 9. Pipelines: Pipelines may be allowed provided crossings are held to a minimum and to be as nearly perpendicular as possible. Pipelines within 25 feet of PG&E structures require review by PG&E. Sprinklers systems may be allowed; subject to review. Leach fields and septic tanks are not allowed. Construction plans must be submitted to PG&E for review and approval prior to the commencement of any construction.
- 10. Signs: Signs are not allowed except in rare cases subject to individual review by PG&E.
- 11. Recreation Areas: Playgrounds, parks, tennis courts, basketball courts, barbecue and

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12. Construction Activity: Since construction activity will take place near PG&E's overhead electric lines, please be advised it is the contractor's responsibility to be aware of, and observe the minimum clearances for both workers and equipment operating near high voltage electric lines set out in the High-Voltage Electrical Safety Orders of the California Division of Industrial Safety (https://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sb5g2.html), as well as any other safety regulations. Contractors shall comply with California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 (https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/gos/GO95/go_95_startup_page.html) and all other safety rules. No construction may occur within 25 feet of PG&E's towers. All excavation activities may only commence after 811 protocols has been followed.

Contractor shall ensure the protection of PG&E's towers and poles from vehicular damage by (installing protective barriers) Plans for protection barriers must be approved by PG&E prior to construction.

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Thank you,

Pacific Gas and Electric Company Plan Review Team

Email: pgeplanreview@pge.com

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Subject: RE: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer

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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 7:00 AM

To: Heyman, Barbara < Barbara. Heyman@mbakerintl.com >

Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer

Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Classification: Internal

Dear Barbara Heyman,

Thank you for submitting the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District plans. The PG&E Plan Review Team is currently reviewing the information provided. Should this project have the potential to interfere with PG&E's facilities, we intend to respond to you with project specific comments. Attached is some general information when working near PG&E facilities that must be adhered to when working near PG&E's facilities and land rights.

This email and attachment does not constitute PG&E's consent to use any portion of PG&E's land rights for any purpose not previously conveyed. If there are subsequent modifications made to your design, we ask that you resubmit the plans to the email address listed below.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact the PG&E Plan Review Team at pgeplanreview@pge.com.

Thank you,



Pacific Gas and Electric Company Plan Review Team

Email: pgeplanreview@pge.com

From: Heyman, Barbara < Barbara. Heyman@mbakerintl.com >

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 10:04 AM **Cc:** Milton Wong < mwong4@smcgov.org>

Subject: Notice of Availability - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District,

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August 5, 2024

Barbara Heyman Michael Baker International

Ref: Gas and Electric Transmission and Distribution

Dear Barbara Heyman,

Thank you for submitting the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District plans for our review. PG&E will review the submitted plans in relationship to any existing Gas and Electric facilities within the project area. If the proposed project is adjacent/or within PG&E owned property and/or easements, we will be working with you to ensure compatible uses and activities near our facilities.

Attached you will find information and requirements as it relates to Gas facilities (Attachment 1) and Electric facilities (Attachment 2). Please review these in detail, as it is critical to ensure your safety and to protect PG&E's facilities and its existing rights.

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Maintenance District, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

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From: Fazzi, Vince < VXFH@pge.com > Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:32 PM To: Milton Wong < mwong4@smcgov.org > myong4@smcgov.org > myong4@smcgov

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Good Morning Milton,

Attached is our response to the FOSMD Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You.

Vince Fazzi | Land Agent | Land Rights

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FOSMD Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project - Phase 1 | County of San Mateo, CA (smcgov.org)

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August 27, 2024

Milton Wong County of San Mateo Department of Public Works 555 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Phase 1 Between 1513 Veterans Boulevard & 1712 East Bayshore Road, Redwood City, CA

Dear Milton,

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PG&E operates gas and electric facilities within the vicinity of the planned project area. The provided plans does not contain enough information for a proper review to be conducted for impacts to PG&E facilities. The Company requests a fully developed site plan be submitted for review and approval prior to any construction commencing. The site plan should include all existing utilities and easements.

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If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact me at vincent.fazzi@pqe.com.

Sincerely,

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Response to Letter B – Pacific Gas and Electric, August 1, 2024; August 5, 2024; and August 27, 2024.

The Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company submitted three letters on August 1, 2024, August 5, 2024, and August 27, 2024. All three letters include an introduction (Comments B-1, B-3, B-4, B-6, B-7) and general comments (labeled as Comments B-2, B-5, and B-8) concerning PG&E's gas and electrical facilities.

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 - The County has reviewed the general requirements and will incorporate all mutually acceptable requests in the Project design and construction specifications. The comment does not concern the adequacy of the IS/MND. Therefore, no further response is required.
- **B-3** Comments B-3, B-4, and B-5 are from PG&E's email dated August 5, 2024, sent to the County's CEQA Consultant. The commenter notes that there may be delays in the PG&E team providing specific responses and comments on the Project. The commenter further mentions that attachments to the email provide general information concerning work near PG&E facilities that must be adhered to when working near PG&E's facilities. The email does not concern the adequacy of the IS/MND. Therefore, no further response is required.
- B-4 The comment is on PG&E letterhead and addressed to the County's CEQA consultant. The commenter thanks the County for submitting the plans for review and notes that, attached to the letter, are general requirements related to gas and electric facilities. The comment states the plan review does not replace the application process for PG&E services; that the entire scope of a project must be included if the project submitted is part of a larger project; and that an engineering fee may apply to the review of plans for the Project. The commenter also requests that the County continue to coordinate and work with PG&E throughout the life of the Project. The commenter notes that a California Public Utilities Commission Section 851 filing may apply.
 - Comment B-4 is informational and does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA or question the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.
- **B-5** The commenter provides Attachments 1 and 2 to the comment letter, dated August 5, 2024, which outline general requirements for all projects relative to gas and electric facilities, respectively. The provisions are similar to, if not the same, as those in Comment B-2 and do not specify which general requirements are applicable to the Project.

The comment is informational and does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA or question the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

- **B-6** Comments B-6 through B-8 are from PG&E's email dated August 27, 2024, sent to the County's Project Manager. The commenter notes that the response is attached to the email. No response is required.
- B-7 The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity to review the IS/MND and states that there are PG&E facilities in the vicinity of the Project site. The commenter requests that a fully developed site plan be submitted for review prior to construction and further provides information on PG&E's Building and Renovation Center to obtain facility map requests. The contact information for Underground Service Alert is also provided.

The County submitted a 90% plan set to PG&E on September 3, 2024. The County will work with PG&E to incorporate all mutually acceptable requests in the Project design and construction specifications. The comment does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA or question the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

B-8 The comment letter includes two attachments concerning proposed developments near existing PG&E gas and electric facilities. The provisions in the attachments are similar to, if not the same, as those in Comments B-2 and B-5. In this submission, however, some of the provisions are highlighted. It is unclear why they are highlighted. Nonetheless, the comment does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA or questions the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

Comment Letter C

Letter C

Subject: DTSC Comments - Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line

Replacement Project

Attachments: DTSC Comments - Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance.pdf

From: CEQAReview < ceqareview@dtsc.ca.gov > Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2024 6:25 AM

To: Mark Chow < mchow@smcgov.org >; Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse

<<u>State.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov</u>>

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Subject: DTSC Comments - Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

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Hello Mark,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Environmental Document for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project. Attached are DTSC's comments for consideration.

Thank You,

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Letter C







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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 8, 2024

Secretary for

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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FAIR OAKS SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT DATED AUGUST 1, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2024080020

Dear Mark Chow,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project (Project). The Project proposes to replace antiquated, 33-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe segments with industry-standard, 36-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe segments associated with the North Fair Oaks Trunk Sewer. The Project would affect 1,404 linear feet of the existing pipe segments. Two sections that cannot be replaced in-place would be realigned mainly via trenchless construction (pipe jacking and micro tunneling); the existing sections would be abandoned. The third section would be replaced in-place, via open trench construction; construction of this

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section would require use of a temporary sewage bypass system. The Project would also include the housekeeping of existing manholes to either abandon them if no longer required or bring them to code if they are substandard. Approximately 1,411 linear feet of new pipe segments would be installed over a six-month period, beginning in April 2025.

DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comment:

1. If pipes or other structures are to be demolished on any Project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via <a href="mailto:em

Sincerely,

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Response to Letter C – Department of Toxic Substances Control, August 8, 2024.

- **C-1** The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity to comment on the Project and notes that comments for consideration are attached to the email. No response is required.
- **C-2** The commenter notes that the DTSC reviewed the MND and provides an accurate summary of the Project. The comment is informational, and no response is required.
- **C-3** The commenter requests the consideration of surveying structures that would be demolished at the Project site for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos-containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk and requested that their removal, demolition, and disposal be in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.

The Project would require the removal of approximately 200 tons of concrete pipes and manholes. The facilities proposed for removal would mainly be from Section 2 of the Project site, where there would be open trench construction for removal and replacement of pipe segments between 8 and 12 feet long. They would be removed mostly intact and hauled to an appropriate landfill or recycling facility. Most of the pipe segments in Section 1 and 3 would remain in place and abandoned. As addressed in IS/MND Section 9.a, the County requires all potentially hazardous materials used during construction to be handled and disposed of in accordance with manufacturers' specifications and instructions. The County would also comply with existing applicable federal, state, and local regulations related to the demolition, removal, transport, use, management, and disposal of hazardous materials, including but not limited to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, California Hazardous Waste Control Law, and federal and state Occupational Safety and Health Acts, as well as regulations promulgated by agencies such as Caltrans, DTSC, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The comment concerns compliance with best practices and does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA or the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.

C-4 The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity to comment and provides their contact information. This comment is informational, and no response is required.

Comment Letter D

Letter D

Subject: FW: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement

Project IS/MND - Caltrans Comments

Attachments: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

MND - Caltrans.pdf

From: Chen, Luana@DOT <Luana.Chen@dot.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:42 PM **To:** Mark Chow <mchow@smcgov.org>

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Subject: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project IS/MND - Caltrans

Comments

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Dear Mark,

Please find attached a letter containing Caltrans comments for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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Kind regards, Luana Chen Transportation Planner Local Development Review LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov



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Mark Chow, PE, Principal Civil Engineer County of San Mateo, Department of Public Works 555 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project — Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Mark Chow, PE,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the July 2024 Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

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Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would install new, industry-standard 36-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe segments to replace three antiquated, 33-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe segments associated with the North Fair Oaks Trunk Sewer system in Redwood City, CA. The project would also include housekeeping and maintenance of existing manholes. Portions of the project area run under U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101) adjacent to the State Route 84 (SR-84) interchange.

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Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits (*link*).

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Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

The City of Redwood City is currently in the later stages of the design phase to perform a major reconstruction of the SR-84/U.S. 101 interchange, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2027. As stated in the MND, construction of this proposed project is expected to begin in April 2025 and last for six months, so conflicts between the projects are not anticipated. However, if coordination is needed, please contact Rommel Pardo, Program Project Manager of San Mateo County, at Rommel.Pardo@dot.ca.gov and reference Caltrans project number 04-23536.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' right-of-way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. For the portion of the project crossing Caltrans ROW, an Encroachment Policy exception may be needed for the project to receive an Encroachment Permit.

As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits (*link*). Please note that the checklist TR-0416 is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website (link) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

YUNSHENG LUO

Branch Chief, Local Development Review Office of Regional and Community Planning

c: State Clearinghouse

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Response to Letter D - Caltrans, September 3, 2024.

- **D-1** The commenter notes that the response is attached to the email. No response is required.
- **D-2** The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity to review the Project and noted that the correspondence is for informational purposes only. Therefore, no response is required.
- **D-3** The commenter provides an accurate summary of the Project. The comment is informational, and no response is required.
- D-4 The commenter provides information regarding permits and coordination with Caltrans. The commenter notes that any project that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on California state roadways requires a Caltrans permit; also, prior to construction start, coordination with Caltrans may be required. The commenter also notes that based on the Project's schedule provided in the MND, there would be no construction overlap between the Project and Caltrans's and Redwood City's joint project to reconstruct the SR-84/US 101 interchange. Nevertheless, the commenter provides the Caltrans Project Manager's contact information in the event that coordination is required. This comment does not identify potential environmental issues caused by the Project or the adequacy of the IS/MND. No response is required.
- D-5 The commenter notes that any Caltrans facilities impacted by the Project must meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. There are no existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities within Caltrans's easements of the Project site. Therefore, the Project would not be inconsistent with Caltrans's equity mission. The Project may temporarily affect bicycle and pedestrian facilities on East Bayshore Road within the jurisdiction of the City of Redwood City. Construction activities would be short term, and the County would limit construction impacts of these facilities to the extent possible. After Project completion, these facilities would be restored to their existing conditions, including to ADA standards, where applicable. No further response is required.
- D-6 The commenter notes that any permanent or temporary traffic control that encroaches on Caltrans's right-of-way requires an encroachment permit, which requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review. The commenter provides the process for applying for the permit and references TR-0416, which is titled, "Applicant's Checklist To Determine Applicable Review Process." The County has reviewed TR-0416 and will be able to provide all information requested. As noted in the IS/MND, the County is aware the Project will require a Caltrans encroachment permit. Moreover, the Project has been designed to comply with Caltrans encroachment permit requirements. The comment does not raise an environmental issue of concern relative to CEQA nor question the adequacy of the IS/MND. No further response is required.
- **D-7** The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity for commenting on the Project and provides contact information. This comment is informational, and no response is required.