

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE BAY BRIDGE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT DRAFT RECIRCULATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

<u>TO</u> :	Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals	
DATE:	July 3, 2019	Governor's Office of Planning & Research
SUBJECT:	Notice of Availability of a Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge Burge19 Station and Force Mains Replacement Project	
PROPONENT:	Orange County Sanitation District	STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
LEAD AGENCY:	Orange County Sanitation District Kevin Hadden, Principal Staff Analyst Phone (714) 962-2411, Email: CEQA@ocsd.com	

<u>Notice is hereby given</u> that the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) has completed the Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (DREIR), which is available for public review, for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15088.5(d) and 15087, as described below.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project (project) site is located in the County of Orange, in the southwestern portion of the City of Newport (City). Locally, the project site includes sewer pump station improvements located within a property located at 300 East Coast Highway. The project also includes sewer force main improvements that would extend from the proposed pump station, proceed westerly across Newport Bay Channel to connect to the existing OCSD force main system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would replace the Bay Bridge Pump Station and associated force mains. The project would bring the pump station facility and force mains to current design and reliability standards to ensure continuous service for the Newport Coast service area. The primary project components consist of: 1) pump station improvements; 2) Newport Bay Channel crossing force main improvements, and 3) West Coast Highway force main improvements.

- Pump Station Improvements: The proposed project would include construction of new pump station facilities including pump station, generator, and odor control facilities within the northeastern portion of an existing recreational vehicle (RV) storage facility. The new pump station would be approximately 10,000 square feet in site area. In addition, the new pump station would require the replacement of several portions of the existing OCSD gravity sewer system, which would be constructed to convey wastewater to the new pump station wet well. The existing Bay Bridge Pump Station would be demolished after construction of the new pump station.
- Newport Bay Channel Crossing Force Main Improvements: The proposed project would include the construction of dual force mains (up to 32 inches in diameter) to connect the proposed new pump station to the existing OCSD force main system west of the Newport Bay Channel. Part of the proposed force main alignment would require a crossing of the Newport Bay Channel, which could be constructed via trenchless methods or dredging.
- West Coast Highway Force Main Improvements: After crossing the Newport Bay Channel, the force main alignment would connect to the existing OCSD force main system in West Coast highway. Multiple alignment options are being considered, including through in Castaways Park and then south to the existing OCSD force main system, as well as an alignment near the existing OCSD easement, south of Bay Bridge, then north to the existing OCSD force main system. The project would connect to an existing OCSD valve vault south of West Coast Highway or would connect to the existing force mains within the Dover Drive/West Coast Highway intersection.

**<u>SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS</u>**: Based on the analysis conducted within the DREIR, OCSD has determined that the project would not result in significant and unavoidable impacts with adherence to the recommended mitigation measures.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: The project site is not reported on a list maintained pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** OCSD has made this DREIR available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. Your response must be sent as soon as possible but received **no later than August 16, 2019**. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address below. If you challenge OCSD's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to OCSD prior to the end of the review period. The public review period for the DREIR is:

Starting Date: July 3, 2019 Ending Date: August 16, 2019

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to:

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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the DREIR for the proposed project are available for public review on OCSD's website at www.ocsd.com, and at the following locations:

- OCSD, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Newport Beach Library Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660
- Newport Beach Library Balboa Branch, 100 East Balboa Boulevard, Balboa, CA 92661

<u>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</u>: A public comment meeting has been scheduled by OCSD on July 29, 2019, 6:00 PM, City of Newport Beach Public Library, Friends Meeting Room, 1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The meeting will include a brief overview of the project and a summary of the findings of the DREIR.

In addition, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2020, 6:00 PM, for the OCSD Board of Directors to consider certification of the EIR. The meeting will be held at OCSD's Administrative Offices, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California 92708.

For questions regarding the proposed project, contact Kevin Hadden at (714) 962-2411.

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