

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that a draft environmental impact report (DEIR) has been prepared by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, and is available for public review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines.

**TITLE:**

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District EchoWater Project

**CONTROL NUMBER:**

2012-70044

**LOCATION:**

The project site is located at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Plant (SRWTP)—8521 Laguna Station Road in Elk Grove—on an approximately 3,550-acre site that is owned and operated by the District in unincorporated Sacramento County. Site access is provided by Laguna Boulevard and Franklin Boulevard, and regional access is provided by Interstate 5. The existing SRWTP treatment facilities occupy approximately 900 acres, and the remaining 2,650 acres of land is open space that provides a buffer zone (the Bufferlands) between the existing SRWTP facilities and nearby surrounding land uses.

The project site contains sites identified as meeting the “Cortese List” requirement (Government Code Section 65962.5), due to leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) and a land disposal site. Remediation for the LUSTs has been completed and these are considered to be “closed” cases, according to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Cleanup efforts for the land disposal site are open/ongoing and monitoring is anticipated to continue until 2015, in accordance with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) requirements. Refer to the DEIR for additional details.

**APN:**

Various

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The District proposes to upgrade its existing facilities at the SRWTP to meet new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements issued by CVRWQCB as confirmed and modified by SWRCB.

Project implementation would result in improved treated effluent water quality; however, the new facilities would not increase permitted wastewater treatment capacity. The plant is currently permitted to discharge up to 181 million gallons per day of average dry weather flow. Up to approximately 480 acres of the SRWTP, primarily within the 900-acre core facility area, would be disturbed. Specific project components that are currently planned to be constructed include the elements listed below. The timing and need for individual elements could eliminate the need for some individual facilities, but this list represents the maximum development anticipated.

- ▲ primary effluent pumping station and primary effluent channel;
- ▲ biological nutrient removal facility;
- ▲ return activated sludge pumps;
- ▲ nitrifying side-stream treatment facility;
- ▲ emergency storage basins;
- ▲ carbonaceous oxygen tank conversion (potential);
- ▲ filtration facility (if deemed appropriate at the conclusion of ongoing litigation);
- ▲ filter influent pump station (if deemed appropriate at the conclusion of ongoing litigation);
- ▲ disinfection facilities;
- ▲ lined dedicated land disposal basins and solid storage basins;
- ▲ odor control facility;
- ▲ decommission chlorine gas, sulfur dioxide gas, and cryogenic plant (potential);
- ▲ new effluent conduit (potential); and
- ▲ Area 9 (landside outfall facility) improvements.

In addition to these proposed facilities, the following improvements are necessary to support the improved treatment operations:

- ▲ temporary contractor staging/laydown, construction management trailers, and parking areas;
- ▲ temporary onsite scraper and construction roads;
- ▲ extension of onsite utilities to serve new facilities (e.g., water, storm drainage);
- ▲ relocation of corrective action program facilities;
- ▲ expansion of main switchgear/substation;
- ▲ security features;
- ▲ new and improved roadways;
- ▲ utility relocations (to clear new facility footprints);
- ▲ storm water pump station modifications (if needed);
- ▲ relocated heavy equipment maintenance facilities;
- ▲ grit landfill removal; and
- ▲ concrete batch plant (potential), including pugmill (potential).

Currently, the SRWTP has a total of 399 employees, of which a maximum of 392 employees are working onsite at any one time. The project would require an estimated 22 additional full-time equivalent employees to operate and maintain the new facilities.

Project construction is proposed to begin in early 2015 and conclude in late 2023. Most construction activities are expected to be completed within the seven-year period of 2015 to 2022, with an additional year (2023) of contingency and commissioning.

**REVIEW:**

The DEIR may be reviewed at <http://www.regionalsan.com/reports> and [www.per.saccounty.net](http://www.per.saccounty.net), and at the following locations:

Sacramento Regional  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
8521 Laguna Station Road  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Sacramento Regional  
County Sanitation District  
10060 Goethe Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

Elk Grove Library  
8900 Elk Grove Boulevard  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Central Library  
828 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The DEIR identifies impacts that would be less than significant or reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigation in the following areas: aesthetics, air quality (direct) agricultural resources, climate change, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, aquatic biological resources, terrestrial biological resources, public health and safety, noise, and utilities and energy use.

The following impacts would be reduced with mitigation, but not to a less-than-significant level:

- ▲ Cumulative emissions of respirable particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>);
- ▲ Short-term increase in construction traffic on roadways;
- ▲ Short-term increase in construction traffic at study intersections (Haul Routes B and C); and
- ▲ Short-term increase in queuing at study intersections due to construction traffic.

The review period for the DEIR begins **March 4, 2014** and ends **April 18, 2014**.

Comments regarding the subject project and DEIR should be directed to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, Attn: Maggie Kido, CEQA Project Manager and emailed to [kidom@sacsewer.com](mailto:kidom@sacsewer.com) or mailed to 8521 Laguna Station Road, Elk Grove, California, 95758.

Comments must be received by **April 18, 2014**. Failure to do so will not preclude your right to testify at a future public hearing for the proposed project.

The District will hold a public meeting on April 9, 2014 to receive input from agencies and the public on the DEIR. The meeting will be held at 9:30 AM at the Sacramento County Board of Directors Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.