Notice of Determination

Approval Date: March 13, 2018
Case No.: 2015-000644ENV
State Clearinghouse No: 2015062073
Project Title: Biosolids Digester Facilities Project
Zoning: P (Public Facilities); M-1 (Light Industrial); and M-2 (Industrial)
65-J Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 5262/009; 5281/001
Lot Size: 562,600 square feet
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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Office of Planning and Research
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Attached fee: _X_ $64 filing fee AND _X_ $3,168.00 EIR Fee

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to construct new solids treatment, odor control, energy recovery, and associated facilities as part of improvements to the wastewater treatment facilities at the existing Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant (Southeast Plant or SEP) in San Francisco. The proposed project, the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (BDFP or project), would replace the outdated existing solids treatment facilities with more reliable, efficient, and modern technologies and facilities. Biosolids are the recyclable solid materials removed from the wastewater during the treatment process, and digesters are the major facility used in the solids treatment process. Many of the existing SEP solids treatment facilities are over 60 years old, require significant maintenance, and are operating well beyond their useful life. The project would replace the existing digesters with new digesters and other new facilities that would produce higher-quality biosolids, capture and treat odors more effectively, and maximize digester gas utilization and energy recovery for the production of heat, steam, and electrical power. In addition, the project intends to locate the digesters farther away from existing residences, limit project-generated odors to the SEP fence line, and make visual improvements in and around the SEP.
Demolition of about 136,000 square feet of building area to accommodate proposed facilities. Buildings to be demolished would include structures at the project site (the Central Shops buildings and currently used SEP facilities within the SEP boundaries of the project site) and at a potential staging site. In addition, underground structures would be removed at the Asphalt Plant site. Construction of new structures on approximately 206,000 square feet of the project site. The height of new structures would be up to 65 feet above grade; some structures would extend 35 feet below grade. The SFPUC anticipates that project construction would require five years to complete, from 2018 through 2023, followed by a transition period to conduct performance testing and facility commissioning, with full operation commencing in 2025.

The project site is located in the southeast part of San Francisco, bordered by a freight rail spur and the Caltrain right-of-way on the west, Rankin Street on the northwest, and the existing SEP on the northeast, east, and southeast. The project facilities would be situated on portions of the SEP located at 750 Phelps Street and 1700 Jerrold Avenue, and two adjacent properties at 1800 Jerrold Avenue and 1801 Jerrold Avenue. The project site, including the construction staging areas along Jerrold Avenue and Quint Street, encompasses approximately 562,000 square feet (about 12.9 acres). The BDFP would require up to 12 acres for construction staging at one or more sites in addition to the project site itself; sites under consideration include the Southeast Greenhouses site at 1150 Phelps Street, 1550 Evans Avenue, and portions of Piers 94, 96, and the Pier 94 Backlands. Staging would also occur on a temporarily closed segment of Jerrold Avenue and permanently closed segment of Quint Street.

DETERMINATION:

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on March 13, 2018 (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. 18-0042). A copy of the Environmental Review document(s) and referenced materials are available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, in file number 2015-000644ENV.

1. An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. It is available to the public and may be examined at the Planning Department at the above address.
2. A determination has been made that the project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment and findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 and a statement of overriding considerations was adopted.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.

John Rahaim
Planning Director

By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

cc: Karen Frye/San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
    Mr. David Pilpel
State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2018 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING Fee CASH RECEIPT
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**PROJECT TITLE**

BIOSOLIDS DIGESTER FACILITIES PROJECT

**PROJECT APPLICANT NAME**

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**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

- [ ] Local Public Agency
- [ ] School District
- [ ] Other Special District
- [ ] State Agency
- [ ] Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- [ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR) $3,168.00
- [ ] Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) $2,280.75
- [ ] Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP) $1,077.00
- [ ] Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- [ ] Cash $3,232.00
- [ ] Credit $64.00

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