



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notice of Availability of and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: November 2, 2016
Case No.: 2015-006224ENV
Project Title: Southeast Plant Headworks Replacement Project
Zoning: P (Public); M-2 (Industrial); and PDR-2 (Production, Distribution, and Repair) Use Districts
65-J Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 5262/009, 5227/001
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed project as described below. The document is a preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination of the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of a mitigated negative declaration does not indicate a decision by the City to carry out or not to carry out the proposed project.

Project Description: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing the Southeast Plant (SEP) Headworks¹ Replacement Project to modify and improve the existing SEP preliminary treatment process facilities. The proposed project would consist of the following components (1) modifications to the Bruce Flynn Pump Station to be an all-weather pump station able to receive and pump all flow that is currently handled by the existing Southeast Lift Station; (2) demolition of the SEP 010 Influent Control Structure/Southeast Lift Station and construction of an odor control facility on the same site; (3) demolition of the existing SEP 011² and SEP 012 headworks and construction of a new 250-mgd Headworks Facility consisting of an influent junction structure, bar screen facility, grit tanks, primary influent distribution structure, process/operations control room, and electrical room; and (4) demolition of the unoccupied building adjacent to Bruce Flynn Pump Station at 398 Quint Street. Construction of the proposed project is expected to be completed in approximately five years, from 2017 to 2021. Construction staging would be located within the SEP, within Evans Street, in a lot adjacent to the Bruce Flynn Pump Station, adjacent to the SEP along Phelps Street, and potentially off site at the Pier 94 Backlands, Pier 94,

¹ The headworks of a wastewater treatment plant is the initial treatment stage of the wastewater treatment process. The treatment at the headworks consists of screening to remove coarse material such as trash, rags, and other debris; and grit removal to remove sand, gravel and other heavy inorganic materials.

² Most buildings at the SEP are identified with a unique 3-digit number, which is preceded by "SEP" and followed by the building's name or description, per SFPUC convention (e.g., SEP 011 headworks).

and Pier 96. Construction activities would generally occur Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays as needed.

The project site is included on the following lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

List: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites, State Water Resources Control Board
Regulatory Identification Number: T0607592672
Address of Listed Site: 1800 Jerrold Avenue, San Francisco CA 94124
Assessor's Block/Lot: 5262/009
Date of List: Case closed as of July 9, 2012

List: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites, State Water Resources Control Board
Regulatory Identification Number: T0607501196
Address of Listed Site: 1701 Jerrold Avenue, San Francisco CA 94124
Assessor's Block/Lot: 5262/009
Date of List: Case closed as of February 12, 2013

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's SFPUC Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://www.sf-planning.org/puccases>). Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the ground floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the PMND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on **December 2, 2016**, any person may:

- 1) Review the PMND as an informational item and take no action;
- 2) Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PMND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done **without** the appeal described below; **OR**
- 3) Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$562 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.³ An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. Send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Lisa Gibson, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. **The letter must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$562.00 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2016.** The appeal letter and check may also be presented in person at the PIC counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

³ Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 30 days from the date of publication of the PMND. If the PMND is appealed, the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The first approval action, as identified in the Initial Study, would establish the start of the 30-day appeal period for the FMND pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.16(h).

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.