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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project: Arana Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project
APN(S): 009-291-44, 025-051-15, 025-051-16, 025-051-17, 025-051-18, 025-054-01, 025-054-06, 025-121-02, 025-131-11, 025-141-01; 025-141-14
Application #: N/A
Project Description: The project involves replacement of approximately 2,900 linear feet of aging and deteriorated existing sewer trunk line and associated manholes. The project consists of 13 sewer line segments, which occur in between existing manholes. These segments are part of the trunk line that conveys wastewater to the City of Santa Cruz wastewater treatment plant. The replacement pipes would be installed using trenchless methods (pipe-bursting) where possible and conventional (open cut) trenching methods with excavators and loaders where trenchless methods cannot be used. Installation of Segment 6 under Highway 1 will utilize either a bore-and-jack technique or micro-tunneling. Segments 8A and 12 under Arana Gulch Creek will be replaced using pipe-bursting methods to avoid impacts to the perennial creek.

Project Location: The project alignment generally extends from Brookwood Drive (north of Highway 1) to La Fonda Avenue (south of Highway 1). A portion of the alignment is adjacent to Arana Gulch and a portion passes under Arana Creek.

Owner/ Applicant: : Santa Cruz County Sanitation District (SCCSD)

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This project will be considered at a public hearing before the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District Board of Directors.

California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period; and, that revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the project applicant would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project as revised will have a significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the attached Initial Study on file with the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, California. A digital copy of the document can be reviewed at the following web address:

http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/planning/plnmeetings/ASP/Display/ASPX/ArchiveIndex.aspx?MeetingType=7

Review Period Ends: 3/18/2021

Note: This Document is considered Draft until it is Adopted by the Appropriate County of Santa Cruz Decision-Making Body

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