



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE

### Pacific Grove Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project – Phase 9 – Coastal Zone Segments

#### Located within the Railroad Right-of-Way, Arena Avenue Right-of-Way, and Asilomar Dunes

#### Pacific Grove, Monterey County

**Public Review Period: March 30 to May 1, 2023**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pacific Grove (City) has completed an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the proposed repair and replacement of three segments of the wastewater collection system located in the coastal zone: Railroad Way, Asilomar Dunes, and Arena Avenue (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of the Project is to ensure safe and reliable public wastewater collection service to the residents of Pacific Grove.

The Project segments are located in the Coastal Zone as defined in the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP). Specifically, the Project sites are located as follows: Railroad Way Segment - an approximate 540 linear foot section within and at the north end of the railroad right-of-way between Jewell and Pico Avenues (no address and no Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)); Arena Avenue Segment - an approximate 340 linear foot section of Arena Avenue within the road right-of-way between Sunset Drive and Asilomar Avenue (no address and no APN); and Asilomar Dunes Segment - within the Sunset Drive right-of-way immediately west of, and within a 10-foot utility easement located on, 214 Asilomar Boulevard, located between Sunset Drive and Asilomar Avenue and approximately 480 feet south of Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove, Monterey County, CA. APN 007-041-004.

The **Railroad Way** segment includes approximately 537 linear feet of pipeline replacement via trenching within the former railroad right-of-way. Specifically, planned improvements in this segment include the following: replacement of 245 linear feet of 6" vitrified clay pipe (VCP) with 8" polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipeline, reconstruction of a manhole approximately 92 feet from manhole 890, reconstruction of manhole 888, installation of 292 linear feet of 8" PVC pipeline, the plugging and in place abandonment of 292 linear feet of 6" VCP pipeline, and the construction of a new manhole approximately 100 feet from manhole 888.

The **Arena Avenue** segment includes excavation of 2 receiving pits and replacement of approximately 332 linear feet of 6" VCP with 8" HDPE pipeline (via pipe bursting) within the Arena Avenue right-of-way.

The **Asilomar Dunes** segment includes improvements within a 10-foot utility easement in dune habitat between Sunset Drive and Asilomar Ave, as well as within the Sunset Drive right-of-way. Planned work within the Sunset Drive roadway includes the following: replacement of pipeline that is at a 45-degree angle with a new straight section of 35 linear feet of 6" PVC, construction of a new manhole, removal of manhole 853, and plugging and abandonment of the angled section of 6" VCP pipeline. Planned work within the utility easement that extends through dune habitat and private property, between Sunset Drive and Asilomar Avenue, includes the following: a 9 linear foot spot repair located approximately 69 linear feet from manhole 853A, construction of a new manhole 854 approximately 167 feet from manhole 853A, reconstruction of manhole 855, and replacement of 95 linear feet of 6" VCP with 6" PVC via trenching.



The total length of pipeline installation (trenching & pipe bursting) for all three segments will total approximately 1,008 linear feet and involve a grand total of approximately 4,380 square feet of surface disturbance area.

As required by the LCP's Implementation Plan (IP), the application includes a Biological Assessment and an Archaeological Report. The conclusions and recommendations of these reports have been included as conditions of approval as appropriate.

The proposed project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Comments on the IS/ND should focus on environmental issues and must be received by Monday, May 1, 2023, by 5:00pm. Please submit email comments to [dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org) and written comments by mail to the following location:

City of Pacific Grove – Public Works Department

Attention: Daniel Gho, Director

300 Forest Avenue | Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Email or written comments received by Monday, May 1, 2023, will be considered before the ND is approved for adoption by the City's Planning Commission. A public meeting of the Planning Commission will be held following public notification of the hearing on the City's website. Regularly schedule Planning Commission meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month.

A copy of the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review at the Community Development Department at the address above and online at the following link:

[https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/our\\_city/departments/community\\_development/programs\\_\\_\\_projects/ceqa.php](https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/our_city/departments/community_development/programs___projects/ceqa.php)