Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Denniston/San Vicente Water Supply Project, San Mateo County, CA

AGENCY: Coastside County Water District

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Coastside County Water District (District) as lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Denniston/San Vicente Water Supply Project located southeast of the community of Moss Beach, in unincorporated San Mateo County, California, in the northern portion of the District's service area. The District herby invites comment on the Draft EIR during the 45-day comment period, which commenced August 19, 2014 and concludes October 3, 2014.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the District's main office located at the address below. In addition, a copy of the Draft EIR is available at the Half Moon Bay Library at 620 Correas Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Electronic copies of the document are available online at: http://www.coastsidewater.org.

DATES: Written comments on the implementation of this proposal must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, or hand-deliver during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, written comments to:

David R. Dickson, General Manager Coastside County Water District 766 Main Street Half Moon Bay, California 94019

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Dickson, (650) 726-4405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The District proposes to implement water supply improvements along Denniston and San Vicente Creeks to enable the expanded beneficial use of local water supply and thereby reduce dependence on current outside water sources. The Proposed Project would entail the installation of a permanent diversion structure and pump station to replace a semi-permanent structure currently in use on San Vicente Creek, as well as the replacement of approximately 2,000 feet of existing pipeline and installation of approximately 4,100 feet of new pipeline to convey San Vicente Creek water to the existing Denniston Reservoir pump station. The capacity of the Denniston water treatment plant would be expanded to 1,500 gallons per minute. In addition, a new booster pump station and 3,460 feet of new pipeline along Bridgeport Drive would augment water delivery into the existing distribution system. The completion of the construction phases of the Proposed Project will enable the District to fully beneficially use the local water that would be diverted from Denniston and San Vicente Creeks under Water Right Permit 15882, thereby replacing imported water with local water sources. The Proposed Project would also allow for the expansion of ongoing sediment removal and maintenance activities within the existing Denniston Reservoir to ensure the long term ability to utilize the existing diversion at that location. With the implementation of the Proposed Project, the overall reliability of the local District water supply system will increase through the maximization of local water supply usage, thereby providing more reliable service to District customers.