



**Coastside County Water District
766 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Water Line Replacement Under Pilarcitos Creek at Strawflower Village

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Coastside County Water District (CCWD), as lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting Initial Study for the Water Line Replacement Under Pilarcitos Creek at Strawflower Village project, and is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended.

The CCWD has prepared this Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an MND to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Water Line Replacement Under Pilarcitos Creek at Strawflower Village

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in the City of Half Moon Bay, west of State Route 1 (SR-1) between Oak Avenue and Strawflower Village Shopping Center. The proposed project area is located west of downtown Half Moon Bay, near an existing pedestrian bridge that crosses Pilarcitos Creek from San Mateo Road to the intersection of Pilarcitos Avenue and Oak Avenue south of the creek.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The CCWD is proposing to replace the water line under Pilarcitos Creek. The existing 8-inch pipeline crossing beneath the creek is one of only two pipelines supplying water to areas of the CCWD south of the creek, including downtown Half Moon Bay. The existing pipe has reached the end of its useful life and a break underneath the creek bed would impair water delivery and could potentially damage the environment. A break in the water line would be difficult to detect, could cause potentially significant water loss, impair water quality, and cause liability to the CCWD with potential fines from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, or California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The CCWD completed an initial phase of water line replacement work in June 2017 that consisted of installing approximately 400 ft of 8-inch pipe within the Strawflower

access road from SR-1 that ensures water supply to commercial customers in the event of a problem with the existing pipe under the creek.

The approximately 450-foot-long new pipeline would be installed using horizontal directional drilling under the creek from the Strawflower Village Shopping Center to Oak Avenue, with staging areas in the back of the shopping center and in Oak Park extending down Pilarcitos Avenue to the south.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The MND is available for a 37-day public review period beginning August 5, 2021 and ending October 4, 2021. Copies of the MND are available for review on the CCWD's website at: <https://www.coastsidewater.org/>.

AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Written comments on the MND for the proposed project must be received no later than October 4, 2021. Send comments by mail to: Coastside County Water District, 766 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, 94019, Attention: Mary Rogren, General Manager Or by email to (mrogren@coastsidewater.org) (please include the name of the project in the subject heading). If you require additional information, please contact James Derbin at 650-276-0129 / jderbin@coastsidewater.org).

PUBLIC HEARING: The CCWD Board will consider this item tentatively planned for December 14, 2021, at 7 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing will be held at 766 Main Street OR VIRTUAL LINK*). To confirm the date and time of the meetings and for additional information concerning the proposed project, please check the District's website <https://www.coastsidewater.org/>.

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