



RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Introduction

This document contains comments received during the public review period of the Serra Drive Outfall Project (proposed project) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and provides responses to those comments.

Background

The City of Pacifica Planning Department, as lead agency, released the IS/MND for a 30-day public review and comment period that began on February 24, 2021, and ended on March 26, 2021, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15105. The IS/MND and supporting documents were made available on the City's website, at https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/planning/environmental_documents/default.asp and [CEQAnet, the State Clearinghouse website \(SCH No. 2021020381\)](#). The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in the Pacifica Tribune on February 24, 2021, posted by the San Mateo County Clerk, mailed to residents within 500 feet of the project site, mailed to trustee agencies, and posted on-site.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15073 and 15074, the lead agency must consider the comments received during consultation and review periods together with the negative declaration. However, unlike with an Environmental Impact Report, comments received on a negative declaration are not required to be attached to the negative declaration, nor must the lead agency provide specific written responses to comments received during the public review and comment period. Nonetheless, the City has chosen to provide responses to the comments received during the public review period for the IS/MND.

Recirculation of the IS/MND pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15073.5 is not required as no revisions to the IS/MND have been made in response to public comments or for any other reason.

List of Commenters

The City of Pacifica received one comment letter during the public review period on the IS/MND for the proposed project:

- Comment Letter 1 – Erika Dysquito, resident (received via email on March 25, 2021)

COMMENT 1-A:

Hello,

I've read through the whole document. My main concerns, which I could not identify the answers to are regarding 1) noise and 2) how far upstream the diversion pipe will extend.

Since many of the homeowners around here now have to work and sometimes teach or coach from home (and this may continue into the fall for many of us), if we have to give classes or make recordings during the work day, how can we know ahead of time so we can make plans accordingly? For myself, I'd prefer that the work be complete before the third week of August, when I'm going to have to teach again, part of the time remotely. It would be very hard to do so with 75 decibels of noise going on half a block away.

RESPONSE 1-A: The project would remove concrete from the existing storm water outfall along with a portion of an 18-inch diameter pipe during the demolition phase of construction. The concrete would be jack-hammered into pieces to be removed from the site which would generate some noise, and there would be some noise generated from the construction vehicles/equipment to be used. Therefore, the majority of the noise will result from the demolition phase, which will occur at the beginning of the project construction period and last for a total of 2 weeks. Construction is anticipated to start in July, 2021. After completion of the demolition phase, new concrete will be poured for a spillway along with the installation of rip-rap down the slope and into the creek.

Once the demolition has taken place, the noise will be mostly from the construction equipment, which would be temporary, last for a total of 6 weeks and occur between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM. As stated in the IS/MND, the project would require implementation of Mitigation Measure NOISE-1 which requires the use of proper muffling equipment and prohibits unnecessary vehicle idling, among other noise-reducing procedures. Furthermore, construction would be limited to weekday, daytime hours, resulting in minimal disturbance to nearby residents. With implementation of Mitigation Measure NOISE-1, adherence to construction work windows, and due to the short-term nature of the impacts (construction is anticipated to be completed in 20 workdays), the proposed project would not result in a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise in excess of established standards and impacts on noise would be less than significant.

COMMENT 1-B:

Second, how far upstream from the project site with the diversion happen? That wasn't clear to me from the project documentation.

RESPONSE 1-B: The diversion pipe will extend within the streambed 20 feet upstream of the property at 1411 Serra Drive.

COMMENT 1-C:

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Finally, do I need to do anything officially to make my concerns/questions official, or does this email suffice?

RESPONSE 1-C: Your email was sufficient and has been responded to in this Response to Comments Memorandum.