



**Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2024, TO MARCH 20, 2024**

To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

From: North Marin Water District
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Subject: Lynwood Pump Station Replacement Project, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the North Marin Water District (District), acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is releasing for review and comment to all agencies, organizations, and interested persons, a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Lynwood Pump Station Replacement Project (project).

Public Review Period: The Draft IS/MND will be circulated for a 34-day review period from **February 16, 2024, to March 20, 2024**, pursuant to Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Comments should be mailed or emailed to the District at the address below, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2024**.

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Project Location: The analysis provided in the Draft IS/MND considers five potential alternatives to replace the Lynwood Pump Station, all of which involve the construction of either one or two new pump stations (PS). A total of five potential sites, all of which are within the City of Novato, are evaluated as part of the five alternatives, all of which are analyzed in the Draft IS/MND at the same level of detail. The sites are located as follows:

- Sunset Parkway Site (Site 1): Within the Sunset Parkway median between Monte Maria Avenue and Cambridge Street.
- Ignacio Boulevard Site (Site 2): Within an open space area south of the intersection of Ignacio Boulevard and Palmer Drive.

- Bolling Drive Site (Site 3): Within an open space area northeast of the intersection of Bolling Drive and Bolling Circle. A PS built at the Bolling Drive Site (Site 3) requires construction of a parallel PS at the Ignacio Boulevard Site (Site 2).
- Main Gate Road Site (Site 4): Within a public property situated along the south side of Main Gate Road between its intersection with Nave Drive and C Street. The site is situated in an open space area adjacent to the northeastern corner of a parking lot covered with solar canopies. A PS built at the Main Gate Road Site (Site 4) requires construction of a parallel PS at the Ignacio Boulevard Site (Site 2).
- C Street Site (Site 5): Within a baseball field situated adjacent northeast of the intersection of C Street and Main Gate Road. A PS built at the C Street Site (Site 5) requires construction of a parallel PS at the Ignacio Boulevard Site (Site 2).

The analysis in the Draft IS/MND also evaluates the potential impacts of demolishing the existing Lynwood PS, which is located in a median of Sunset Parkway between Lynwood Drive and South Novato Boulevard.

Project Description: The District is proposing to replace the existing Lynwood PS, which is located below grade in a median of Sunset Parkway. The Lynwood PS is in poor condition overall and multiple upgrades would be required to ensure the PS is up to date with latest code, extend its service life, and improve the overall reliability of the facility. The District is considering five potential project alternatives to replace the Lynwood PS, each of which would include the demolition of the Lynwood PS as well as the construction of one or two new PS at alternate sites in the City of Novato. The purpose of the project is to replace the Lynwood PS with one or two new PS constructed above grade which would result in improved access for maintenance and repairs and reduced risk for groundwater and stormwater intrusion, all of which would ensure the reliability of the District's infrastructure.

Public Information Meeting: A public information meeting to review the project has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1110 Highland Drive in Novato, CA, 94949.

Public Hearing Dates: A public hearing for the District's Board of Director's to review the IS/MND and project has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Marin Water District office, located at 100 Wood Hollow Drive, Suite 300 in Novato, CA, 94945.

CEQA Project Status: A Draft IS/MND has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft IS/MND prepared for this project demonstrates that the project will not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment.

The Draft IS/MND and all related analyses are available to the General Public at the District's office, located at 100 Wood Hollow Drive, Suite 300, Novato, CA 94945 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. NMWD is temporarily located at this non-public accessible office, please call 415-897-4133 to schedule an appointment. The Draft IS/MND is also available for the public to review on the District's website at nmwd.com/lynwood