



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0863

Agenda Date: 9/14/2021

Item No.: 3.1.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt a Resolution Setting Time and Date of Public Hearing on the Engineer's Report and CEQA Exemption Determination for the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Project, Project No. 93284013, (San Jose, District 7).

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution SETTING TIME AND DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FOR THE SANTA TERESA WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PROJECT, to occur on September 28, 2021, at 6:00 PM by teleconference Zoom meeting.

SUMMARY:

The objective of the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Project (Project) is to extend the useful life of the treatment plant's existing filters. The Project will replace media, inlet valves, backwash valves, and other appurtenances within the filters.

Attachment 1 contains the resolution to set the time and place for the public hearing.

Engineer's Report and CEQA Exemption Determination

Section 12 of the District Act requires the Board to conduct a public hearing to consider all written and oral objections to the proposed project when: 1) the project is new construction; and 2) the project is funded by a single or joint zone of benefit. As the proposed Project meets condition number 2, staff has prepared an Engineer's Report (Attachment 2) for the purpose of public disclosure.

In addition, staff has determined that the proposed Project would be exempt from CEQA review because it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301; Existing Facility [Class 1 - operation, repair, maintenance, minor alteration of existing structures and facilities].

Staff is recommending that the Board set a public hearing for September 28, 2021, at 6:00 pm to hear public comments on Valley Water's Engineer's Report and CEQA exemption determination. Following the public hearing, the Board will consider the CEQA exemption determination before considering approving the Engineer's Report and the proposed Project. The Notice of Public Hearing for the Engineer's Report is provided in Attachment 3.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with approving staff's recommendation to set a Public Hearing on the Engineer's Report to consider the Project. The estimated cost to plan, design, and construct the above-described Project is \$10.1 million (2021 dollars). The Project is included in the Five-Year 2022-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Funds for the planned Project are included in the FY2021/2022 board adopted budget. The proposed Project would be funded by the Water Enterprise Fund, with 100% of the costs allocated to Zone W-2 (North County).

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Resolution
- Attachment 2: Engineer's Report
- Attachment 3: Notice of Public Hearing

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