



**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft Initial Study and Proposed
Mitigated Negative Declaration
CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Dec 22, 2017 to Jan 31, 2018**

To: Public Agencies, Organizations and
Other Interested Parties

From: City of Palo Alto
Dept. of Planning & Community Environment
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Subject: The City of Palo Alto (City) is releasing a Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Regional Water Quality Control Plant New Outfall Project (Project) for review and comment to all applicable agencies, organizations and interested persons. Reviewers should focus on the content and accuracy of the Draft IS/MND in discussing potential impacts upon the environment. This Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft IS/MND is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Written comments should be delivered to the City's main office, at the address listed below, by **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Jan 31, 2018**. Submittal of written comments via e-mail (Microsoft Word format) is also acceptable.

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| Project Title: Water Quality Control Plant New Outfall Project | Applicant: City of Palo Alto Dept. of Planning & Community Environment 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94303 |
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Project Location: The project site is located at 37° 27' 22.56" N latitude, 122° 6' 39.48" W, longitude, in the eastern, Bayshore portion of the City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, CA. The site is located north of the City's Water Quality Control Plant, east of the Palo Alto Airport, and west of the Palo Alto Baylands and San Francisco Bay.

Project Description: The proposed project would install a new effluent outfall pipe, rehabilitate the existing outfall pipe, and replace the Renzel Marsh Pump. The new effluent outfall pipe would extend approximately 2,402 linear feet, starting at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant and ending immediately adjacent to the existing outfall pipe's discharge point. Installation of the new effluent outfall pipe would require open trenching and backfilling. The existing outfall pipe would be rehabilitated with flexible joint seals and no open excavation would be required as construction workers would enter the pipe to install these repairs. A new pump would be installed to replace the existing pump that conveys treated water to the Renzel Marsh in order to improve efficiency.

Project and CEQA Public Hearing Date: A public meeting date for the public to review the project has been scheduled for January 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the Cubberley Community Center (Room D1): 4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Interested parties would check the City's website to confirm meeting time, date, and location.

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 proposed project will not have any significant or unmitigatable effects on the environment. As a result of the adoption of this document and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the proposed project will not have any significant or unmitigatable effects on the environment. The Draft IS/MND and all related analysis are available to the General Public at the City of Palo Alto, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 and at www.cityofpaloalto.org/planningprojects.
