

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Calleguas Municipal Water District ("Calleguas") has completed a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline, Phases 3 and 4 (herein referred to as the "project"). The 45-day public review period begins on **May 13, 2024**, and ends on **June 27, 2024**.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (14 Calif. Code of Regs., §15000 et seq.), this notice contains a brief description of the project and its location, the public review period dates, manner in which the lead agency will receive public comments, a list of significant environmental effects, location of Draft SEIR for review, and presence of hazardous materials sites.

Project Title: Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline, Phases 3 and 4

Project Location: The proposed pipeline alignment would be located in Ventura County, extending approximately 14.4 miles from near the northeast boundary of the City of Camarillo to the western boundary of the City of Simi Valley. The alignment would traverse portions of Camarillo, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley, as well as unincorporated Ventura County. The pipeline alignment would primarily be located within the public right-of-way within paved roads and dirt shoulders. A portion of the alignment would extend under private property at the northeast corner of the intersection of Las Posas Road and Upland Road, which is currently developed for agricultural production. Roadways along the project alignment include Upland Road, Santa Rosa Road, Moorpark Road, Read Road, Sunset Valley Road, and Tierra Rejada Road. Each of these roads would provide access to the project alignment during construction activities. Regional access would be provided by State Route 118, State Route 23, State Route 34, and U.S. 101.

Phase 3 would initiate near the eastern end of the existing Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline (CRSMP) on the west side of Somis Road, approximately 200 feet north of the Las Posas Road / Upland Road intersection in Somis. From there, it would extend east across Somis Road to the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad on private property, south to Upland Road just east of the intersection with Las Posas Road, easterly along Upland Road to the Upland Road bridge and across Calleguas Creek to Santa Rosa Road, and northeast along Santa Rosa Road, before terminating just past Hill Canyon Road. Phase 4 would initiate at the end of Phase 3, near the intersection of Santa Rosa Road and Hill Canyon Road. From there, it would extend eastward along Santa Rosa Road to Moorpark Road, north on Moorpark Road then east on Read Road to Sunset Valley Road, north on Sunset Valley Road to Tierra Rejada Road, and east on Tierra Rejada Road, before terminating at Madera Road. Figure 1 shows the alignment of both phases of the proposed project.

Project Background: The CRSMP is a brine and treated wastewater conveyance pipeline designed to manage the use of high salinity groundwater and treated municipal wastewater, dispose of the brine produced by enhanced water treatment, and facilitate the development of water sources otherwise unavailable due to poor water quality. The CRSMP was assessed programmatically in a 2002 Final Program EIR, which provided CEQA clearance for the overall CRSMP and project-specific clearance for Phase 1. Additional CEQA documentation prepared since 2002 covered changes to the original design and implementation of Phase 2. The CRSMP, currently in operation, extends approximately 22 miles from its upstream end in the Somis area of unincorporated Ventura County to its downstream terminus at the permitted ocean outfall in Port Hueneme.

Brief Project Description: The proposed project would extend the CRSMP approximately 14 miles inland from near the existing eastern terminus, enabling connections to additional dischargers. Discharges

from these phases, as well as previously constructed phases, would intermingle and combine to create the effluent discharged through the existing ocean outfall. Dischargers connecting to Phases 3 and 4 would be subject to existing discharge permit constituent limits at the outfall. Any new infrastructure needed to connect specific dischargers to the CRSMP would be subject to separate CEQA review.

The majority of the pipeline would be installed via conventional open-cut trench construction methods. Trenchless construction methods would be used to cross below existing drainage channels. Trenchless construction methods would also be used to cross Somis Road, Santa Rosa Road, and busy intersections to minimize traffic impacts.

<u>Significant Environmental Effects:</u> The Draft SEIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts associated with nighttime construction noise. The Draft SEIR also identified significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, tribal cultural resources; however, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the incorporation of the proposed mitigation measures. All other environmental impacts would be less than significant.

Hazardous Waste Sites: No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present within the project site.

Document Availability: The Draft SEIR may be viewed on Calleguas' website at:

<u>https://www.calleguas.com/documents-and-reports/.</u> If a hard copy or electronic review copy is required, please contact Jennifer Lancaster at the email address provided below. If remediated versions of the appendices are needed, please reach out to Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources, via email: jlancaster@calleguas.com.

<u>45-Day Public Review Period</u>: The public review and comment period for the Draft SEIR begins **May 13, 2024**, and ends **June 27, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. Written comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **June 27, 2024**.

<u>Contact Person</u>: Written comments may be submitted to Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources, via email: <u>jlancaster@calleguas.com</u>.



Figure 1. Project Site Location – Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline Phases 3 and 4



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Fig 2.2 Project Location