



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CARMEL WOODS AND PESCADERO ROAD SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

In accordance with §15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the public that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) has completed an Initial Study- Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Carmel Woods and Pescadero Rd. Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (Project). The pipeline alignment is not on a list of hazardous materials sites enumerated under §65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Title: Carmel Woods and Pescadero Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project

Project Location: Unincorporated Monterey County and City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pescadero Road and Carmel Woods Neighborhood

Comment Period: June 1, 2026 to July 6, 2026

Lead Agency: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

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Project Description: The Project is located on two sites in a residential area located primarily within unincorporated Monterey County, with a small portion of the Project occurring within the northern limits of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The Pescadero Road component of the Project would consist of constructing a new sewer main in Pescadero Road and abandoning a portion of the existing sewer main in the hillside located behind nearby residential connections. The Carmel Woods component of the Project consists of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of approximately 14,850 LF of existing deteriorated 6-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe gravity sewer main with new polyvinyl chloride or high-density polyethylene sewer mains or installation of a lining system. The majority of the sewer mains would be replaced and/or rehabilitated along the existing alignments where feasible. However, several sewer segments would be realigned to improve ease of maintenance.

Replacing and rehabilitating the damaged sewer mains at the Pescadero Road and Carmel Woods sites is necessary to continue to provide reliable service to the District's customers and minimize the potential for sewer spills in the future. The rehabilitated sewer main would continue to be used to convey wastewater for District customers located along Pescadero Road, whose service laterals directly connect to the sewer main to be replaced, while the majority of existing flows to this sewer main would be redirected to the new sewer main.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION:

CAWD has prepared a Draft IS-MND for the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. CAWD will therefore consider adoption of the IS-MND for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS:

Any written comments on the IS-MND should be sent to the attention of Jeff Bandy and must be received by 5:00 PM on July 6, 2026. Written comments may be submitted to 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923 or via email to downstream@cawd.org. Copies of the Draft IS-MND are available for review at the offices of CAWD, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923 during normal office hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), and online at www.cawd.org.