

RESOLUTION NO. OC SAN 24-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TAFT AVENUE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 2-49; ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; AND APPROVING THE TAFT BRANCH IMPROVMENTS, PROJECT NO. 2-49

WHEREAS, the Orange County Sanitation District ("OC San") has proposed a project known as the Taft Avenue Sewer Improvement Project, Project No. 2-49, which is designed to increase the capacity of a portion of the Taft Branch regional sewer to meet existing and anticipated demand (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the replacement and relocation of a portion of the Taft Branch regional sewer in the City of Orange and includes the construction and operation of approximately 11,000 linear feet of vitrified clay sewer pipelines, ranging in size from 8 to 21 inches in diameter, 39 new maintenance holes, and would abandon approximately 8,000 feet of existing sewer pipeline and would remove 32 existing maintenance holes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. ("CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq., OC San, acting as the Lead Agency, prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS/MND") for the Project that analyzes the potential impacts of the Project, and identifies mitigation measures as needed (State Clearinghouse No. 2023070293); and

WHEREAS, a public review period of 30 days was provided for the IS/MND which commenced on July 18, 2023, and ended August 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, OC San has reviewed the comments received and has prepared written responses to the significant environmental issues raised during the public review process; and

WHEREAS, the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been presented to the OC San's Board of Directors (the "Board") for review and consideration prior to the approval of, and commitment to, the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER:

1. The Board has independently reviewed and considered the IS/MND together with all comments received during the public review process; and

2. The IS/MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board; and
3. The IS/MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA; and
4. The Board finds on the basis of whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence that the Project, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment; and
5. The Board adopts the Taft Street Sewer Improvement Project IS/MND; and
6. The Board adopts the Taft Street Sewer Improvement Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
7. The Board approves the Taft Avenue Sewer Improvement Project, Project No. 2-49; and
8. The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which the Board's decision is based, are located at the OC San Administration Offices, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, and the custodian for these documents is the Clerk of the Board; and
9. OC San staff is authorized and directed to file the Notice of Determination ("NOD") and any other required documents in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors held May 22, 2024.

Chad P. Wanke
Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bradley R. Hogin
General Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Kelly A. Lore, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. OC SAN 24-04 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said Board on the 22nd day of May 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Orange County Sanitation District this 22nd day of May 2024.

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board of Directors
Orange County Sanitation District