

ATTACHMENT A
SOUTHEAST PLANT HEADWORKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

I. INTRODUCTION

The following findings are adopted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) with respect to Project No. CWWSIPSE02, Southeast Plant Headworks Replacement Project (the Project) Final Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) 14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 et seq. (the CEQA Guidelines), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The project is being undertaken by the SFPUC in order to replace the existing Southeast Treatment Plant Headworks facilities. The San Francisco Planning Department is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Southeast Plant Headworks Replacement Project (“the Project”) includes four components: modifications to the Bruce Flynn Pump Station to be an all-weather pump station and to be able to receive and pump all flow that is currently handled by the existing Southeast Lift Station; demolition of the SEP 010 Influent Control Structure/Southeast Lift Station and construction of an odor control facility on the same site; demolition of the existing SEP 011 and SEP 012 Headworks; and construction of a new 250-mgd Headworks Facility consisting of an influent junction structure, bar screen facility, grit tanks, primary influent distribution structure, process/operations control room, and electrical room; and demolition of the unoccupied building adjacent to Bruce Flynn Pump Station at 398 Quint Street.

The project is needed because the majority of the existing equipment associated with the existing older Headworks facility (SEP 011) is over 30 years old and approaching its normal replacement interval. In addition, the existing SEP preliminary treatment process does not meet the level of service established by the SFPUC, and exhibits inefficiencies in the fine screening and grit removal processes, which remove debris that can clog downstream equipment. SEP 011 also has seismic structural vulnerabilities and ineffective odor control along the fence line.

Additional detail on the project description is presented in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

III. BACKGROUND

Based on an Initial Study, the Environmental Review Officer (ERO) of the San Francisco Planning Department determined that that there was no substantial evidence in light of

the record that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of identified mitigation measures and on November 2, 2016 the ERO provided notice of her intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project and noticed a 30-day public review period for the Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration ending on December 2, 2016. The Notification described the proposed Project and requested comments on environmental effects and was mailed to property owners in the vicinity of project and to interested parties including local, regional, State and federal agencies. Notices were also published in newspapers, and posted in the offices of the Planning Department and at the site.

No comments on the Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration were received. The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the San Francisco Planning Department on December 19, 2016. The preliminary and final versions of the Mitigated Negative Declaration were provided to members of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and supporting documents may be found in the files of the Planning Department, as the custodian of records, located in File No. 2015.006224E, at 1650 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, California.

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration, dated December 19, 2016, is final, complete, and in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The San Francisco Planning Department found that based on the record, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project, given the implementation of the mitigation measures as stated in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and adopted herewith, will have a significant effect on the environment, and that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the Planning Department's independent judgment and analysis.

III. ACTIONS

The actions of the SFPUC in connection with the Project include the following:

1. Adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration, these CEQA Findings, and the MMRP (Attachment B to this SFPUC project approval resolution); and
2. Approve the Project, as described herein, and authorize the General Manager or his designee to advertise and award trade construction packages to implement the construction phase of the project.

IV. MITIGATION MEASURES AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

It is the intention of the SFPUC to avoid significant impacts through the adoption of all of the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”) (Attachment B to this SFPUC Project approval resolution), each of which is hereby adopted, incorporated herein by reference. CEQA requires agencies to adopt a program for reporting on or monitoring the changes to the project which it has either

required in the project or made a condition of approval to mitigate or avoid significant environmental effects. The MMRP lists all of the mitigation measures and specifies the process by which all adopted mitigation measures are to be carried out, along with responsibilities for implementation and review.

The SFPUC shall ensure implementation of all mitigation measures identified in the MMRP either directly or via binding contractual mechanisms. The SFPUC finds that the measures it is adopting can be carried out by the SFPUC at the designated time and are feasible at this time.

V. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to the terms of San Francisco Administrative Code section 31.11(h) and CEQA Guidelines section 15074, the SFPUC has reviewed and considered the information presented in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration, public comments, and the record for the Project. Based upon the record, the SFPUC finds that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the San Francisco Planning Department and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project, given the implementation of the mitigation measures detailed in the MMRP and adopted herewith, would have a significant effect on the environment as analyzed and presented in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The SFPUC further finds that the proposed Project as approved herein is consistent with the project description contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and would not result in significant impacts not identified in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration or cause significant effects already identified in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration to be substantially more severe.