



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE
WOODACRE/SAN GERONIMO FLATS WASTEWATER RECYCLING PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marin County Community Development Agency will be preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Woodacre/San Geronimo Flats Wastewater Recycling Project. The project area encompasses approximately 360 developed properties within the unincorporated communities of Woodacre and San Geronimo within the San Geronimo Valley. The project area also includes local streets, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, and the San Geronimo Golf Course. The project area drains to Lagunitas Creek and eventually to Tomales Bay, both of which are designated impaired water bodies for pathogens (bacteria) under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. The project is intended to address these water quality concerns by replacing the onsite septic systems currently serving the service area. Many of these onsite systems are old, failing, or not operating at current standards for wastewater treatment and disposal. The proposed wastewater recycling system will include abandonment of these substandard septic systems and the installation of collector pipelines, which will include pressure sewer lines where gravity collection is not feasible. A lift station will pump wastewater from Woodacre via a 5,300+ foot force main to a new tertiary treatment facility located on the west side of the maintenance yard on the San Geronimo Golf Course. Wastewater from San Geronimo will be collected and pumped to the treatment facility via a network of small diameter pressure sewers. Wastewater will be treated to meet water recycling standards. The treated effluent will be stored in two new storage ponds and used for irrigation on the golf course.

The Marin County Community Development Agency is the lead agency, pursuant to the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15050) for the preparation of an EIR. This EIR is being prepared by the Community Development Agency in accordance with CEQA, the State of California CEQA Guidelines, and County Environmental Impact Review Guidelines. The EIR will evaluate the Project as a whole with respect to all of the following topical issues, but will focus on some issues more than others: land use and planning, population and housing, geophysical conditions, water, air quality, greenhouse gases, transportation/circulation, biological resources, energy and natural resources, hazards, noise, public services, utilities and service systems, aesthetics/visual resources, cultural resources, social and economic effects related to physical impacts.

To ensure that the EIR for the Woodacre/San Geronimo Flats Wastewater Recycling Project is thorough and adequate, and meets the needs of all agencies reviewing it, we are soliciting comments on specific issues to be included in the environmental review. Public comments on the scope of issues to be evaluated in the EIR are encouraged. Details of the proposed project are available on the project website: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-health-services/woodacre-san-geronimo-wastewater>.

So that the EIR will address any additional issues that may be of concern to the public for this proposed project, the County will also conduct a public scoping meeting on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Lagunitas School Multipurpose Room, 1 Lagunitas School Road, San Geronimo, CA 94963**. Public agencies, community groups and interested members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and present oral or written comments on the proposed project. Hard copies of the scoping session materials will not be distributed in advance of the meeting. However, the scoping session materials can be found on the project website, <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-review/current-eir-projects/woodacre-san-geronimo-flats-wastewater-recycle-project>, and will be available in hard copy at the scoping session. You may also subscribe to the project website and receive notices of future project meetings or when updated information is posted to the page.

If you wish to comment during the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period, or if you cannot attend the scoping meeting, we will accept written comments about the scope of the environmental report until the close of the NOP comment period at **4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017**. Commenters are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before May 1, 2017 to the attention of Rachel Reid, Environmental Planning Manager at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308, San Rafael, CA 94903. Comments can also be submitted via email to EnvPlanning@marincounty.org before the end of the comment period deadline. Please direct questions about the project description to Lorene Jackson, Project Manager in the Community Development Agency- Environmental Health Services Division at (415) 473-7146.

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