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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT EA/EIR FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Placer County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have released a Draft Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) for the project listed below:

**PROPOSED PROJECT: Placer County SMD 3 Regional Sewer Project**  
(State Clearinghouse #2011122079)

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: June 22, 2012 – August 6, 2012**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Placer County's proposed Sewer Maintenance District (SMD) 3 Regional Sewer Project consists of decommissioning the SMD 3 (Horseshoe Bar area) wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and constructing a pump station and force main to convey wastewater from the existing WWTP to the SMD 2 (Granite Bay area) collection system for treatment at the City of Roseville Dry Creek WWTP. The goal of the project is to bring the SMD 3 system into compliance with waste discharge requirements and a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project area includes the SMD 3 WWTP located at 4928 Auburn-Folsom Road (APN: 036-110-011-000) in the unincorporated area of Loomis and proposed alternative alignments of the sewer force main that would extend south for approximately 4.5 miles to connect to the SMD 2 collection system. Alternative pipeline alignments considered within the EA/EIR would be located within the Auburn-Folsom Road and Joe Rodgers Road right-of-way (ROW), as well as within a Placer County utility easement extending through land designated as open space in the Hidden Valley subdivision and adjacent to the existing SMD 2 gravity sewer.

**SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ANTICIPATED:** The Draft EA/EIR identified significant or potentially significant effects associated with: aesthetics; air quality, greenhouse gases and climate; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils and seismicity; hazardous materials and environmental hazards; hydrology and water quality; noise; recreation; traffic and circulation; and utilities and service systems. With implementation of recommended mitigation measures, all impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

**WHERE DRAFT EA/EIR MAY BE OBTAINED:** A copy of the Draft EA/EIR is available for review during normal business hours at the Loomis Library located at 6050 Library Drive, Loomis, California, the Granite Bay Library located at 6475 Douglas Boulevard, and the front counter at Placer County Community Development Resource Center located at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603. A copy may also be reviewed on the County's website: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/EnvCoordSvcs/EIR/SMD3.aspx>

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** Comments on the adequacy of information within the EA/EIR should be submitted in writing at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5:00 pm on August 6, 2012 to Maywan Krach, Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Environmental Coordination Services, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 745-3132, fax (530) 745-3080, or [cdraecs@placer.ca.gov](mailto:cdraecs@placer.ca.gov).

For more information regarding the project, please contact Rebecca Lillis, Environmental Resource Specialist, (530) 886-4984 or email [rlillis@placer.ca.gov](mailto:rlillis@placer.ca.gov)

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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT\***  
Placer County Sewer Maintenance District (SMD) 3 Regional Sewer Project,  
Placer County, California

I have reviewed and evaluated the information presented in this Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Section 130 Placer County SMD 3 Regional Sewer Project, near the unincorporated town of Loomis and the City of Roseville in Placer County, California. The proposed alternative alignment of the sewer force main would extend south for approximately 4.5 miles to connect to the SMD 2 collection system.

The Proposed Project consists of the construction of a pump station and force main to convey wastewater from the existing SMD 3 wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to the Sewer Maintenance District 2 (SMD 2) collection system for treatment at the City of Roseville Dry Creek WWTP. As part of the Proposed Project, the SMD 3 service area would be annexed into the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA) service area boundaries. The goal of the project is to bring the SMD 3 system into compliance with waste discharge requirements issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) on June 22, 2007. The USACE is the lead agency under NEPA and the County is the lead agency under CEQA.

During this review, the possible consequences of the work described in the EA have been studied with consideration given to environmental, economic, social, and engineering feasibility. In evaluating the effects of the proposed project, specific attention has been given to significant environmental conditions that could potentially be affected. I have also considered the views of other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals concerning the study. The effects and mitigation measures have been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on my review of the EA and my knowledge of the project area, I am convinced that the proposed Placer County SMD 3 Regional Sewer Project is a logical and desirable alternative. Furthermore, I have determined that the work would have no significant, long-term effects on the environment. All construction will be implemented in strict compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Based on the results of the environmental evaluation and completion of interagency coordination, I have determined that the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact/EIR provide adequate documentation and that no further environmental document is required.

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Date

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District Engineer

\* To be signed by the District Engineer after the public review period, if appropriate