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EA/UTL No. 2017-11

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): SCH# 2013082006
(Wastewater Master Plan EIR) / SCH# 2007072023 (Modesto Urban Area General Plan EIR)

Project Title: Area 2 Storm Drain Cross Connection Removal Project – Phase 2 Roosevelt Park

Project Applicant: City of Modesto

Project Location (include county):

Bounded by Pearl Street to the north, Bronson Avenue to the west, Orangeburg Avenue to the South and the Virginia Corridor bike/pedestrian trail to the east. Within Stanislaus County, Latitude: 37.665° N, Longitude: 121.004° W.

Project Description:

The Area 2 Storm Drain Cross Connection Removal Project – Phase 2 Roosevelt Park is the second of four phases of cross connection removal projects in the City of Modesto. Phase 2 Roosevelt Park proposes to remove six storm drain to sewer cross-connections and twenty failed rock wells within a 51-acre tributary area. In their place, approximately 680 feet of 24-inch and 2,360 feet of 36-inch storm drain piping will be installed to convey storm runoff to an underground storm drainage retention/infiltration system at Roosevelt Park.

Currently, the cross-connections provide storm water drainage for residents and businesses within the defined 51-acre area. These cross connections capture excess storm water which then flows to the City's primary wastewater treatment facility. These storm drain/sanitary sewer connections reduce localized neighborhood flooding and increase the volume of wet weather flows in the sanitary sewers and treatment plants. During storm events, these connections affect capacity in the sanitary sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plants. The removal of these twenty cross connections will alleviate some of the wet weather flows, (approximately 2.53 MGD) experienced by the sanitary sewer system, thereby carrying out the proposed action to improve the City's sewer operations through the removal of storm drainage cross connections as identified and established by the City's 2007 Wastewater Master Plan.

The re-routed storm water runoff will be conveyed through storm drain pipes to Roosevelt Park where it will be stored in an underground storage system. The storage system will provide retention of storm water for a 100-year, 24-hour storm event. Storm water will be pre-treated to remove trash, sediment, oil, grease, and other substances prior to infiltration and eventual recharge of groundwater.

Approximately 4.5 acres of the Roosevelt park land will be affected by construction of this proposed project. The area affected will involve the temporary removal of turf areas and irrigation systems. The placement of underground storage facilities will require the removal of some trees. Upon completion of the underground retention storage facilities, the park will be restored with new turf and irrigation systems, new baseball fields and site furnishings. Any trees removed will be replaced with trees, drought tolerant plants, and decomposed granite paving as established by the city.

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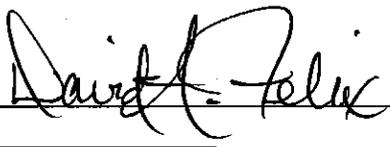
The 100-year, 24-hour storm drainage retention volume for the Roosevelt Park facility will be 7.4 acre feet. This capacity is based on a rainfall of 2.88 inches, the 100-year/24-hour storm. The design percolation rate for the Roosevelt Park facility is 0.44 inches per hour. A map showing the location of facilities to be installed is attached as Figure 2.

Described in Master EIR: Improvements to the City's wastewater collection system, including the removal of storm drainage cross-connections and installation of alternative facilities for the collection and disposal of storm water, was contemplated in the City's Wastewater Master Plan and the MEIR. The System Upgrade EIR identifies the subprojects to remove storm drain cross connections as projects previously analyzed in the 2007 Master Plan Update MEIR, in which Chapter I identifies upgrades to the collection system, including removal of storm water cross-connections that are considered subsequent projects. Chapter II's overview of the project elaborates on the need for collection system improvements, which are included in the Wastewater Master Plan Update. Chapter II's project description identifies the location of needed facilities, including cross-connections to be removed. Subsequent engineering has modified this design to more specifically identify cross-connections and the needed facilities for the handling of storm water. The nature of the work remains the same.

This is to advise that the City of Modesto, the lead agency, has approved the above-mentioned project on August 8, 2018, and has made the following determinations, pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the Public Resource Code.

1. The type of project is described in Chapter II of the Wastewater Master Plan EIR.
2. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Wastewater Master Plan EIR and Modesto General Plan EIR and Modesto General Plan Master EIR have been applied to the project.
3. An Finding of Conformance (FOC) was prepared by the City of Modesto that analyzed whether the proposed subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Master EIR's and it has been determined that the project was described in the Master EIR's and is within the scope of the Master EIR's.
4. Based on the FOC, the City of Modesto finds and determines:
 - a. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 21158 of the Public Resources Code that was not identified in and mitigated through the Master EIR.
 - b. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.
 - c. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIRs.
 - d. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

The Initial Study, Environmental Assessment No. EA/UP&P 2017-11 is on file at the City of Modesto, Utility Planning and Projects Department, provides substantial evidence to support findings 1 thru 4, noted above. This is to certify that the Area 2 Storm Drain Cross Connection Removal Project- Phase 2 Roosevelt Park Initial Study/Finding of Conformance, with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the general public at: City Clerk, City of Modesto, 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, CA 95354.

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Associate Engineer
Date: November 21, 2018

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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