NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

City of Oceanside

Subject: Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Oceanside Sewer Improvements Program
State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030277
Lead Agency: City of Oceanside
Date: January 30, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15087), has completed the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Oceanside Sewer Improvements Program (Program).

WHERE TO ACCESS THE DRAFT PEIR: The Draft PEIR may be accessed on the City of Oceanside website at https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/ceqa/default.asp. During the 45-day public review period, a copy of the Draft PEIR will be available for public review at the City of Oceanside Water Utilities Department counter (300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054), City of Oceanside Civic Center Library (330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054), and City of Oceanside Mission Branch Public Library (3861-B Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058). This Notice of Availability is required to be filed with the County Clerk's office for a period of not less than 45 days.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the Draft PEIR to Mabel Uyeda, P.E., Water Engineering Manager at the City of Oceanside's Water Utilities Department, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA, 92054, at (760) 435-5819 or by email to **muyeda@oceansideca.org**.

DRAFT PEIR PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: January 30, 2026 through March 16, 2026

In accordance with state law, a 45-day public review period has been established for the Draft PEIR. Comments should focus on the adequacy of the environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft PEIR. All written comments must be received by the City no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026**. All comments should include a name, mailing address, and telephone number and/or email address of a contact person. Please include "Draft PEIR Comments: Oceanside Sewer Improvements Program" in the subject line of comments provided electronically. All comments must be submitted in writing via email or mail to:

City of Oceanside, Water Utilities Department
Attn.: Mabel Uyeda, P.E., Water Engineering Manager
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PUBLIC MEETING: The City of Oceanside will hold a public meeting to share information and solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft PEIR. The meeting will take place at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the City of Oceanside Water Reclamation Facility – Jim Turner Conference Room, located at 3950 North River Road, Oceanside, CA 92057**. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

FINAL PEIR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Following the close of the public review period, responses to comments on the Draft PEIR will be prepared and, together with any corresponding revisions to the Draft PEIR, will constitute the Final PEIR. Following preparation of the Final PEIR, the proposed Program will be reviewed by the City's Utilities Commission and City Council. The Utilities Commission will vote to recommend approval or denial of the Program and the City Council will be the final authority on whether the Program will be approved and the Final PEIR certified. Notification of these public hearings will be provided in accordance with state law and the City's public notification requirement.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Program is located in the City of Oceanside in northwestern San Diego County. The Program alignment spans approximately seven miles from the existing San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility (SLRWRF; located at 3950 North River Road) in the northeast to the terminus of the Oceanside Land Outfall (OLO) at the existing La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant (LSWWTP; located at 1300 S Myers Street) in the southwest. From the SLRWRF, the alignment generally extends southwest along Whalen Lake Road, crosses the San Luis Rey River corridor, continues to the south-southeast, crossing the Mission Basin Groundwater Purification Facility, San Luis Rey Mission Expressway (State Route 76) and Mission Avenue, Hacienda Drive, Las Vegas Drive, Mesa Drive, and other residential streets, and continues southwest through Garrison Street to Oceanside Boulevard. The alignment then follows Oceanside Boulevard southwest for approximately 2.5 miles to the LSWWTP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Program consists of individual wastewater utility improvement projects, including underground improvements and above ground construction of a new lift station. Sewer improvement projects that have been identified as part of this programmatic effort include the following:

- Oceanside Mesa Garrison (OMG) Lift Station: Design and construction of a 5-million-gallon-per-day (MGD) sewer lift station on a portion of the former Garrison Elementary School site near the intersection of Mesa Drive and Garrison Street. The new lift station would collect flows from the 24-inch gravity sewer main at Mesa Drive and Garrison Street, combine with Buena Vista Lift Station flows for transport to the SLRWRF via the new OMG Force Main, described below. The project includes an access road and supporting infrastructure within approximately 3 acres of the 11.2-acre property.
- OMG Force Main (OMG FM): Design and construction of approximately 16,100 linear feet of 36-inch sewer force main to convey flows from the new OMG Lift Station and the existing Buena Vista FM to the SLRWRF. The alignment primarily follows existing City easements and corridors outside of paved roadways, commencing at the OMG Lift Station and traversing Garrison Street and Mesa Drive, north through the SDG&E/Kinder Morgan transmission corridor, northeast across the San Luis Rey River, and along Whalen Lake Road to the SLRWRF.
- Land Outfall Replacement: Upsizing of approximately 27,000 linear feet of the existing 24-inch OLO to 30 or 36-inch pipe located largely within existing corridors between the SLRWRF and LSWWTP to increase capacity and improve system reliability by addressing sections in poor condition.
- Mission Avenue Lift Station Force Main (MALS FM) Replacement: Installation of approximately 13,000 linear feet of new 24-inch sewer force main parallel to the existing pipeline from the Mission Avenue Lift Station to the SLRWRF primarily via public/City easements. Once complete, the existing pipeline may be rehabilitated for redundancy, enhancing operational flexibility, and long-term service reliability.
- Mission Avenue Gravity Sewer Lining and Replacement: Rehabilitation of approximately 600 linear feet of existing 24-inch gravity sewer pipe with cured-in-place lining and upsizing of approximately 1,600 linear feet of pipe to 30- or 36-inch diameter pipe along Mission Avenue to improve capacity. Portions of the alignment may be relocated into Mission Avenue, with coordination from the Ocean KAMP development for required upsizing.

Specific utility improvements are currently under design and construction of the Program is estimated to begin in May 2026 and continue until February 2030. Phasing of the Program implementation would be subject to funding availability, potential constructability concerns during construction, soils conditions, and materials availability. The pipelines would be constructed primarily on off-road, disturbed City easement areas, with some sections near existing residential neighborhoods. Most pipelines would be installed using open-cut construction methods, with some sections proposed to be installed using trenchless construction methods to minimize environmental and community impacts.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: In accordance with CEQA, the Draft PEIR evaluates “direct physical changes… and reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment which may be caused by the project.” The Draft PEIR also evaluates whether any such changes that it identifies are individually or cumulatively significant. In addition to evaluating the potential impacts of the Program on the environment, the Draft PEIR presents feasible mitigation and analyzes potential project alternatives. The Draft PEIR evaluates potentially significant effects related to the following environmental issue areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils (paleontological resources), greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. Impacts related to biological, cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources and transportation would be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the incorporation of mitigation measures presented in the Draft PEIR. Construction noise impacts would be reduced through the mitigation measures presented; however, these impacts would remain significant at the program level of review.