

**Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal****Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: IS/MND for Palm/Mann/Cypress Gravity Sewer Improvements Project (#959)

Lead Agency: Ross Valley Sanitary District

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Project Location: Various Locations (See Attachment A) Marin  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

See Attachment A.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

See Attachment A.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Marin County

## **SUMMARY FORM - ATTACHMENT A**

### **Project Description**

The Palm/Mann/Cypress Gravity Sewer Improvements Project (#959) (Project) site is located in the Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) service area within the town of Kentfield in Marin County, California (Attachment B, Figures). The primary objective of this Project is to relieve hydraulic and structural deficiencies and reduce groundwater infiltration associated with aging RVSD infrastructure. The Project includes replacement of existing pipe segments via open cut removal (45 linear feet [LF]), and pipe bursting (5,451 LF). Existing pipe segments would be replaced with new polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes. The Project also includes construction of new sanitary sewer lines via open cut trenching (1,622 LF), construction of 17 new manholes, removal and replacement of 1 existing manhole, removal of 4 existing manholes, and abandonment of 4 existing manholes. Lower laterals and property line cleanouts would be replaced at all locations.

The Project site encompasses approximately 0.3 acres and the total area disturbed would be approximately 12,200 sq ft. Depths of the excavation would vary between 3 and 10 ft based on location. Rehabilitation of all sanitary sewer mains would occur within the existing alignment. Most pipelines either fall within public rights-of-way or designated easements running through private property. For work in backyard easements, portable equipment would be used to accommodate space restrictions and minimize impact.

### **Mitigation Measures**

Five mitigation measures for the Project are listed below.

#### **Mitigation Measure BIO-1**

Vegetation removal and ground disturbance (collectively referred to as construction activities) shall be scheduled to avoid the bird nesting season to the greatest extent possible. The nesting season for most birds and raptors in the San Francisco Bay Area is February 1–September 15.

If construction activities cannot be scheduled to occur between September 16 and January 31, preconstruction surveys for nesting birds and raptors will be completed by a qualified ornithologist or biologist to ensure that no nests would be disturbed during project implementation. This survey will be completed no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified ornithologist/biologist will inspect all suitable nesting habitat on the Project site and within the zone of influence (the area immediately surrounding the Project site that supports suitable nesting habitat that could be impacted by the proposed Project due to visual or auditory disturbance associated with construction activities scheduled to occur during the nesting season).

If an active nest is found sufficiently close to the work areas to be disturbed by construction activities, the qualified ornithologist/biologist, in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, will determine the extent of a construction-free buffer zone to be established around the nest to ensure that protected bird and raptor nests are not disturbed during project construction. This buffer would remain in place until such a time as the young have been determined (by a qualified ornithologist/biologist) to have fledged.

A report of findings will be prepared by the qualified biologist and submitted to RVSD for review prior to initiation of construction during the nesting season. The report would either confirm absence of any active nests or confirm that any young are located within a designated no-disturbance zone and construction can proceed. No report of findings is required if construction is initiated during the nonbreeding season (September 16–January 31) and continues uninterrupted according to the above criteria.

### **Mitigation Measure CUL-1**

Prior to project implementation, an archeological testing and monitoring plan will be prepared by a qualified archaeological consultant. The plan will discuss the testing and monitoring procedures, field methods, communication protocols, and inadvertent discovery actions to be taken in the event cultural resources are identified during testing, monitoring and/or any project activities. The plan will be developed in coordination with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (Graton Rancheria). Based on the results of the testing and in coordination with RVSD and the Graton Rancheria, monitoring by an archaeologist and tribal monitor may also be required to observe excavated soils that are removed during construction activities. If resources are identified during the testing or monitoring, the appropriate avoidance and/or treatment measures detailed in the Plan will be carried out in coordination with Graton Rancheria, as necessary. In addition, should resources be identified at any time during testing or project implementation, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR 523) forms will be completed and for Native American/precontact sites will be shared with Graton Rancheria for review prior to submittal to the Northwest Information Center.

### **Mitigation Measure CUL-2**

Upon approval of the testing and monitoring plan, archaeological testing will occur in areas determined to be highly sensitive for subsurface cultural resources. Testing will take place prior to Project implementation and will be coordinated in advance with Graton Rancheria. A tribal monitor will be present during all testing. Testing will occur at project segments:

- Western end of Mann Drive (nearest to Laurel Grove Avenue)
- Western half of Cypress Avenue in Kentfield
- Western end of Palm Avenue.

Where testing is not feasible, monitoring will occur in accordance with Mitigation Measure CUL-1.

### **Mitigation Measure CUL-3**

Prior to project-related work, the construction crews shall be trained in “basic archaeological and tribal resources identification” and have access to an alert sheet. The alert sheet will photographically depict indicators of archaeological sites and artifacts and clearly outline the procedures in the event of new discovery. These procedures include temporary work stoppage (i.e., a stop work order) of all ground disturbance, short-term physical protection of features and artifacts and their context, and immediate advisement of the archaeological team, Graton Rancheria, and RVSD representatives. Any stop work order would contain a description of the work to be stopped, special instructions or requests for the contractor, suggestions for efficient mitigation, and a time estimate for the work stoppage. The archaeologist will notify Graton Rancheria (if a tribal monitor is not present), examine the findings and assess their significance, and offer recommendations for any procedures deemed appropriate to further investigate and/or mitigate adverse impacts to those archaeological and tribal resources that have been encountered.

### **Mitigation Measure CUL-4**

Upon discovery of suspected human remains, the Coroner Division of the Marin County Sheriff’s Office will be contacted for identification of human remains. The coroner has two working days to examine the remains after being notified.

If the remains are Native American, the coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) of the discovery within 24 hours. The NAHC will then identify and contact a most likely descendant, who may make recommendations to the owner, or representative, for the treatment or disposition, with proper dignity, of the ancestral remains and associated funerary objects. Once proper consultation has occurred, a procedure that may include the preservation, excavation, analysis, and curation of artifacts and/or reburial of those remains and associated artifacts will be developed and implemented.

If the remains are not Native American, the coroner will consult with the archaeological research team and RVSD to develop a procedure for the proper study, documentation, and ultimate disposition of the remains. If a determination can be made as to the likely identity—either as an individual or as a member of a group—of the remains, an attempt should be made to identify and contact any living descendants or representatives of the descendant community. As interested parties, these descendants may make recommendations to the owner, or representative, for the treatment or disposition, with proper dignity, of the remains and grave goods. Final disposition of any Native American human remains or associated funerary objects will be determined in consultation between RVSD and Graton Rancheria.