

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to inform the general public that the Santa Margarita Water District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

Project Title: Coto de Caza Lift Station Emergency Storage Basin Project

Project Description: The Project would involve the installation of a 154,000-gallon emergency storage basin (ESB) to contain potential sanitary sewer overflows associated with the existing Coto de Caza Lift Station (CdCLS). The emergency storage basin would be constructed to accommodate up to 85,000 gallons of overflow. The basin would be comprised of 3 rectangular cells in a 45- by 42.33-foot area and would be excavated to a depth of 32.8-feet. The basin would be constructed as a cast-in-place reinforced concrete vault. The Project would also involve installation of two submersible pumps each with 750 gallons per minute capacity; an 18-inch sewer overflow pipe from manhole no. 2 in the existing driveway about 190 feet south of the lift station to the proposed ESB; and an 18-inch drain pipeline conveying flows from the ESB back to manhole no. 2. An existing San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) underground electrical conduit passing directly under the proposed ESB site would be relocated approximately eight feet east of the ESB site. The proposed Project includes constructing approximately 974 square feet of pavement including widening the existing access road southwest of the proposed ESB from 17 feet, 4 inches to a width of 20 feet wide; and extending pavement from the edge of the proposed widened access road along the east length of the ESB and the dirt area south of the ESB to the existing access road.

Project Location: The Project site is located in the unincorporated community of Coto de Caza in southern Orange County. The CdCLS is at the northeast corner of the intersection of Coto de Caza Drive and Cantamar Road. The proposed Project site is approximately 0.1 acres in the southern portion of an existing open space parcel owned by the Coto de Caza Master Association (CZ Master).

Public Review Dates: June 4, 2020 – June 23, 2020

Hearing Date/Time: August 5, 2020, 5:30 PM

Hearing Location: Santa Margarita Water District
Board Room
26111 Antonio Parkway
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study as well as all referenced documents are available for public review at the Santa Margarita Water District office, located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. Please direct your comments to Mr. Jaime Aguilar at the above listed address.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Mr. Jaime Aguilar at (949) 459-6420, or jaimea@smwd.com.

[Click here to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration document.](#)