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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION

INITIAL STUDY FOR PARADISE RANCH ESTATES TANK 4A REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Thursday November 02, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**The Dance Palace Community Center Church Space
Corner of 5th and B Streets, Point Reyes Station, California**

North Marin Water District (NMWD) will be preparing an Initial Study (IS) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the District's Paradise Ranch Estates Tank 4A Replacement Project. The area encompassed by the project includes a 0.126-acre site (AP No. 114-120-09) owned by NMWD at the west end of Drakes View Road on the Paradise Ranch Estates (PRE) subdivision in Inverness, CA.

The proposed project includes construction of a 125,000-gallon concrete water storage tank that will provide expanded water storage capacity required to eliminate storage deficiencies in the PRE system. The tank site historically had two wooden tanks, one of which was destroyed in the 1995 Mt. Vision Fire. The proposed new tank would restore the storage lost when that tank was burned, plus add sufficient water storage to meet current fireflow storage requirements. The 125,000-gallon new tank would also replace the capacity provided by the remaining wooden tank (4B), since that tank is approaching the end of its useful life span. Tank 4B would remain operational until construction of the new tank is complete, and then be decommissioned and removed from the site.

The proposed tank would be an above-ground concrete tank in approximately the same location as the destroyed PRE Tank 4A. The exterior dimensions are 25 feet high by 34 feet diameter. The tank exterior will be patterned with vertical board forms made with colored concrete designed to match the existing redwood tank color and patina and to blend in with the surrounding area. The pad for the tank would be developed by clearing and re-grading the existing PRE Tank 4A pad. The existing level tank pad area would be widened several feet to accommodate the larger footprint of the replacement tank. The new tank floor would be constructed 3 feet below the elevation of the existing tank floor to minimize the height of the tank above the surrounding ground level. This grading would require maximum cuts and fills of three to four feet. It is estimated that up to 100 cubic yards of material would be cut and filled on the site. The grading design would attempt to balance the amount of cut and fill to minimize the need to transport material to or from the site.

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Pursuant to state and local guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), please be advised that the North Marin Water District will be the lead agency for the project. Once the IS is completed the District will make a determination as to whether it will seek approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration or prepare an EIR for the project.

To date, possible impacts that have been identified include visual resource impacts, construction noise impacts on project neighbors and northern spotted owls, and construction traffic impacts. Impacts to other resources appear to be less than significant or could be reduced to a less than significant level by standard mitigation measures. A primary purpose of this scoping meeting is for members of the public and responsible agencies to identify any other areas of potential impact that should be specifically addressed in the Initial Study.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend this meeting to ask questions and share any environmental concerns they may have on this proposed project. If you would prefer to submit your comments in writing, or cannot attend the scoping meeting, NMWD will accept written comments about the scope of the environmental report until 4:00 p.m. on December 02, 2017. If you have any questions, or want additional information concerning the scoping meeting, please contact Carmela Chandrasekera at 415-761-8903 or cchandra@nmwd.com. Please direct questions about the project, the project application and design, or processing of the application to Rocky Vogler, Chief Engineer, North Marin Water District, P.O. Box 146, Novato, CA 94948; (415) 761-8945 or rvogler@nmwd.com.