

**TOWN OF PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PARADISE SEWER PROJECT
CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WITH
CEQA FINDINGS FOR SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, ADOPTION OF A MITIGATION
AND MONITORING PLAN AND OTHER RELATED FINDINGS**

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NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN by the Paradise Town Council, as lead agency, that a public hearing will be held on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022** at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California, regarding the following matter related to the adoption of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Paradise Sewer Project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Wastewater treatment facilities in Paradise consist of individual, privately owned septic tanks and soil absorption disposal systems known as leach fields, together with several engineered subsurface disposal systems serving commercial and institutional facilities. Businesses and residences near the future sewer system continue to rely on septic tanks and leach field systems for wastewater treatment and disposal. Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create existing and impending threats to public and environmental health and safety and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. The Town has prepared numerous studies to address its need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 feasibility study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022.

The Proposed Project would consist of three primary components: Core Collection System, Export Pipeline System, and Extended Collection System. The Core Collection System would support the centralized businesses and housing in Town, including approximately 1,500 parcels along the Skyway, Clark Road, and Pearson Road corridors.

Project Location: The proposed Export Pipeline System would start at the southern end of the Core Collection System as a gravity sewer line and would continue southwest approximately 18 miles to the City of Chico for connection to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant. Other than the Town of Paradise flow, no other connections will be allowed to the export pipeline. The Extended Collection System would be an extension

of the Core Collection System that would allow collection of sewage from parcels outside the Core Collection System, but within the Town limits.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The PEIR assessed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the physical, human, and natural environment. A wide variety of resource areas were studied to identify potential impacts, including aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and additional topics as required by the CEQA Guidelines including significant irreversible environmental changes, growth inducement, cumulative impacts, and alternatives. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any potential adverse impacts were identified and evaluated in the PEIR.

HOW TO VIEW THE PEIR

The PEIR is available for public inspection at Town of Paradise Town Hall located at 5555 Skyway.

Information regarding the PEIR also is available at paradiseseWER.com.

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