



TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

The Town of Paradise (Town) announces the availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft PEIR describes the Proposed Project and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with its implementation. The Draft PEIR analyzes three alternatives.

This notice, consistent with CEQA guidelines, starts a 45-calendar day review period of the Draft PEIR. Any responsible and trustee agencies, involved federal agencies, interest groups, and members of the public are invited to provide input on the Draft PEIR. All input received will be documented and addressed in the Final PEIR, anticipated to be completed this fall.

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD: July 14 to 5:00 p.m., August 29, 2022

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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 public health and environmental concerns 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. 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 Draft 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 Draft PEIR.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS

Three in-person public meetings will be held to allow attendees to learn more about the Proposed Project, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments on the Draft PEIR during the 45-day public review and comment period.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 6:00-7:30 P.M.	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 12:30-2:00 P.M. & 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Chico Old Municipal Building 441 Main Street Chico, CA 95928	Paradise Alliance Church (CMA Church) 6491 Clark Road Paradise, CA 95969

DRAFT PEIR VIRTUAL ROOM

The in-person public meetings are complimented by a virtual room at paradisesewer.com that is available for review until 5:00 p.m. PDT on August 29, 2022. This online tool is a convenient way to review project materials and submit comments.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

The Draft PEIR is available for public review at paradisesewer.com and at repository locations including the Town Clerk at Paradise Town Hall (5555 Skyway, Paradise), Butte County Library, Paradise Branch (5922 Clark Rd, Paradise), Terry Ashe Recreation Center (6626 Skyway, Paradise), City Clerk at Chico City Hall (411 Main Street, Chico), Butte County Library, Chico Branch (1108 Sherman Ave, Chico), CARD Community Center (545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico), and Butte County Clerk (155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville). Submission of comments are invited from all interested parties until **5:00 p.m. PDT on August 29, 2022**. Comments can be submitted via the website at paradisesewer.com/contact (from the "Subject" dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on the Draft PEIR") or via mail to Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer, Town of Paradise, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969.

SPECIAL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

If you plan on attending one of these meetings and need a translator or for additional accessibility preferences, please submit a message on the project website at **paradisesewer.com/contact** (from the “Subject” dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on the Draft PEIR”). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.