LAGUNA TREATMENT PLANT FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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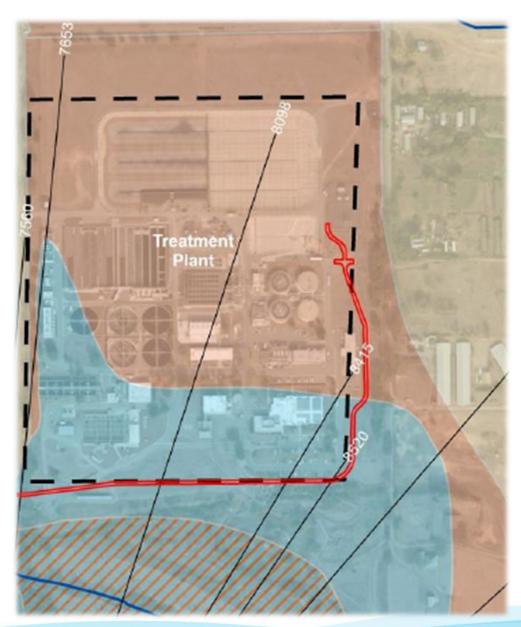
Presentation Outline

- Background
 - Location
 - Floodplain analysis
- Proposed project
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Recommendation

Location Map

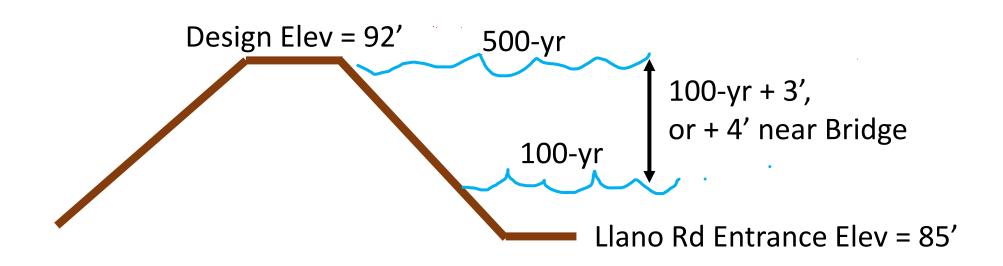


Floodplain Analysis



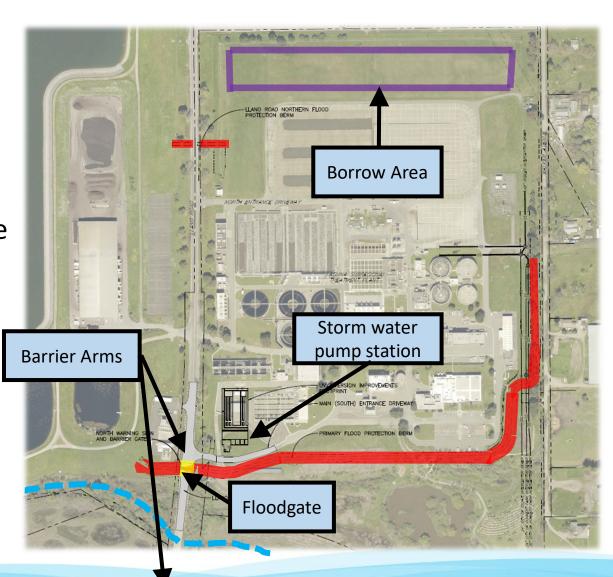
Floodplain Analysis

2018 Schaaf & Wheeler Tech Memo – Flood height



Red = berm

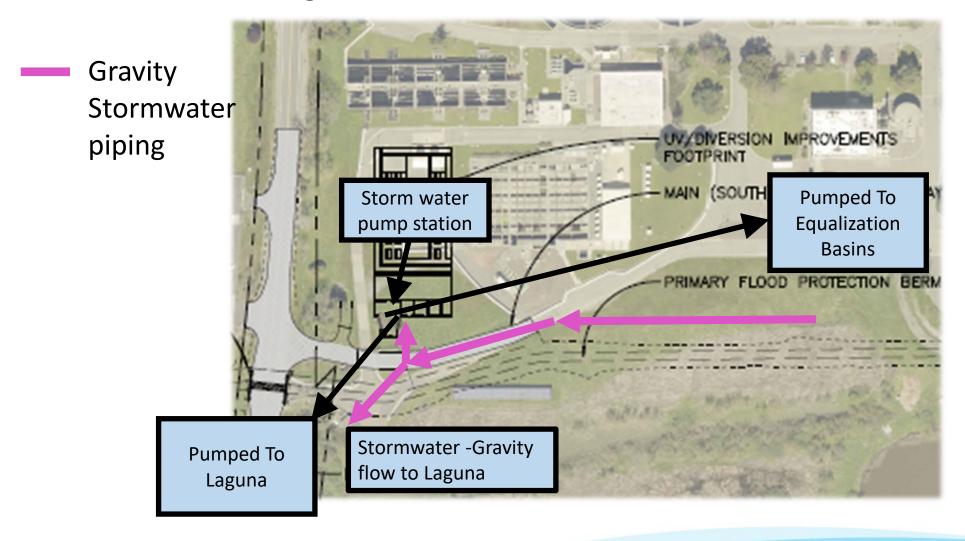
Yellow = Floodgate





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Stormwater system



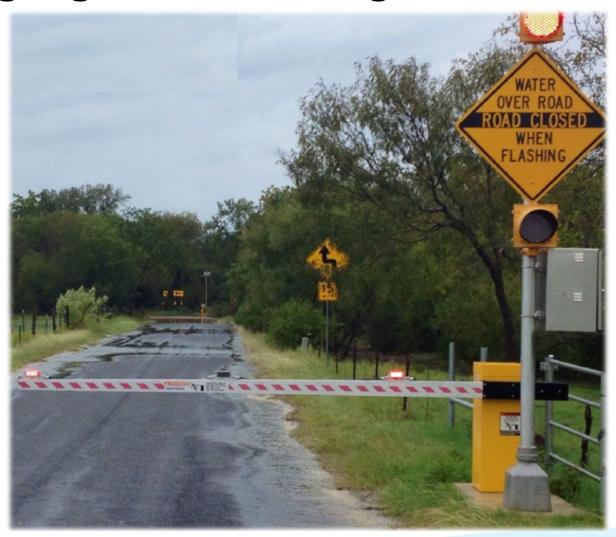
Floodgate



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Warning sign and barrier gate



Llano Rd and South Entrance - existing



Llano Rd and South Entrance – proposed



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Informs decision makers and public about potential environmental effects
- Identifies ways environmental effects can be avoided or reduced
- Discloses an agency's decision-making process
- Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration

CEQA Noticing and Public Review

- AB 52 Tribal Notifications
- Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - Posted with Sonoma County Clerk
 - Mailed to adjoining property owners
 - Published in Press Democrat
- Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - Posted on City website
 - Hardcopy available at Transportation and Public Works Counter
 - Submitted to State Clearinghouse
- Public Comment Period
 - 38 days from December 21, 2022, to January 27, 2023

CEQAPublic Comments

- Only one letter received from California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) with following comments:
 - Existing wetland conditions and potential need for additional plant surveys
 - Provided requirements for when a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDFW is required
- No other public comments received in response to CEQA

CEQASummary and Conclusion

- Project evaluated in accordance with CEQA Statute and Guidelines
- Potential impacts can be mitigated to less than significant
- No significant unavoidable impacts identified
- Analysis supports MND
- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program developed to ensure compliance with mitigation measures identified in Initial Study

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department and the Water Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution,

- 1. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Laguna Treatment Plant Flood Projection project
- 2. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Approve the Laguna Treatment Plant Flood Protection Project
- 4. Direct staff to file a Notice of Determination (NOD)

Questions?

