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Notice of Intent to Adopt An Addendum to the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project Final Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Morro Bay, as lead agency, has prepared an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c), an addendum does not need to be circulated for public review. However, pursuant to the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund program from which the project has received funding, this Addendum is being circulated for public review. Anyone desiring to comment on the Addendum to the Final EIR may do so in writing within the 14-day public review period from April 24, 2025 through 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the City of Morro Bay, Attn: Damaris Hanson, 595 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, California 93442 or to dhanson@morrobayca.gov prior to the end of the review period.

Project Title: Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project

State Clearinghouse #: 2016081027

Project Location:

The project area is located in the City of Morro Bay and portions of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County. The project area would remain largely the same as that analyzed in the Final EIR with the exception of several pipeline alignments and injection well locations proposed along Atascadero Road, Embarcadero, Surf Street, Morro Creek, and Willow Camp Creek.

Brief Project Description:

This Addendum describes the details of several refinements to the specific locations and types of project facilities that have occurred during evolution of the design process, which have resulted in new project impact areas beyond those identified and evaluated in the certified Final EIR for the Original Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project (Original Project). This modified project concept is referred to herein as the Modified Project. The overall purpose, objectives, and nature of the Original Project would remain the same under the Modified Project. As with the Original Project, the Modified Project would consist of construction of the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), which includes an indirect potable reuse (IPR) recycled water system and decommissioning and demolition of the existing Morro Bay-Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). In addition to the WRF, the Original Project includes construction of administration, operations, and maintenance buildings; lift stations and pipelines to convey raw wastewater to the WRF and waste discharges of reverse osmosis concentrate and treated wet weather flows from the WRF to the ocean outfall; and a new distribution system to convey advanced treated recycled water from the WRF to new groundwater injection wells in the Morro Valley Groundwater Basin. Water for the groundwater injection wells would be sourced from the WRF. As envisioned under the Original Project, the Modified Project would include several pipeline segments and injection wells to make up the recycled water distribution and injection network. However, under the Modified Project, locations for four potential recycled water distribution pipeline alignments and eight potential injection well sites have been defined, and a potential recycled water fill station and two new areas for potential non-potable reuse irrigation are proposed. (The City would select a combination of the potential pipeline segments and injection well locations to make up the ultimate recycled water distribution pipeline and injection well network.) In addition, under the Modified Project, a portion of the advanced treated recycled water produced at the WRF may be delivered for non-potable irrigation use at Lila Keiser Park and Morro Bay High School. The Modified Project may also include installation of a recycled water fill station, either at the WRF or Lila Keiser Park, which would make non-potable recycled water available for agricultural, construction, and municipal purposes and would replace the existing non-potable water fill station at the Flippis Well at Lila Keiser Park. Lastly, under the Modified Project, groundwater extracted from the Morro Valley Groundwater Basin would be conveyed to the potable water distribution system and may undergo treatment at the City's existing Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis treatment facility,

be blended with other water supply sources, or be provided directly to the potable water distribution system. Refer to Figure 1 for a map of the locations of infrastructure proposed under the Modified Project. A detailed description of the Modified Project in comparison to the Original Project is available as part of the Draft Addendum.

Significant Environmental Effects: Similar to the certified Final EIR, the Draft Addendum identified significant and unavoidable impacts associated with cultural resources. The Draft Addendum also identified potentially significant impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils/seismicity, noise, and transportation and traffic; however, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the incorporation of the mitigation measures adopted in the certified Final EIR. All other environmental impacts would be less than significant. Potential impacts associated with the Modified Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project are consistent with potential impacts characterized and mitigated for in the certified Final EIR for the Original Project. The Draft Addendum did not identify new significant impacts or impacts of substantially greater severity for the Modified Project than previously described in the certified Final EIR for the Original Project.


Hazardous Waste Sites: No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present in the project area.

14-Day Document Review: The public review and comment period for the Addendum to the Final EIR begins April 24, 2025 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the contact person listed below prior to the end of the review period.

Document Availability: The Draft Addendum to the Final EIR may be viewed on the project's website at: <https://morrobaywrf.com/documents/>

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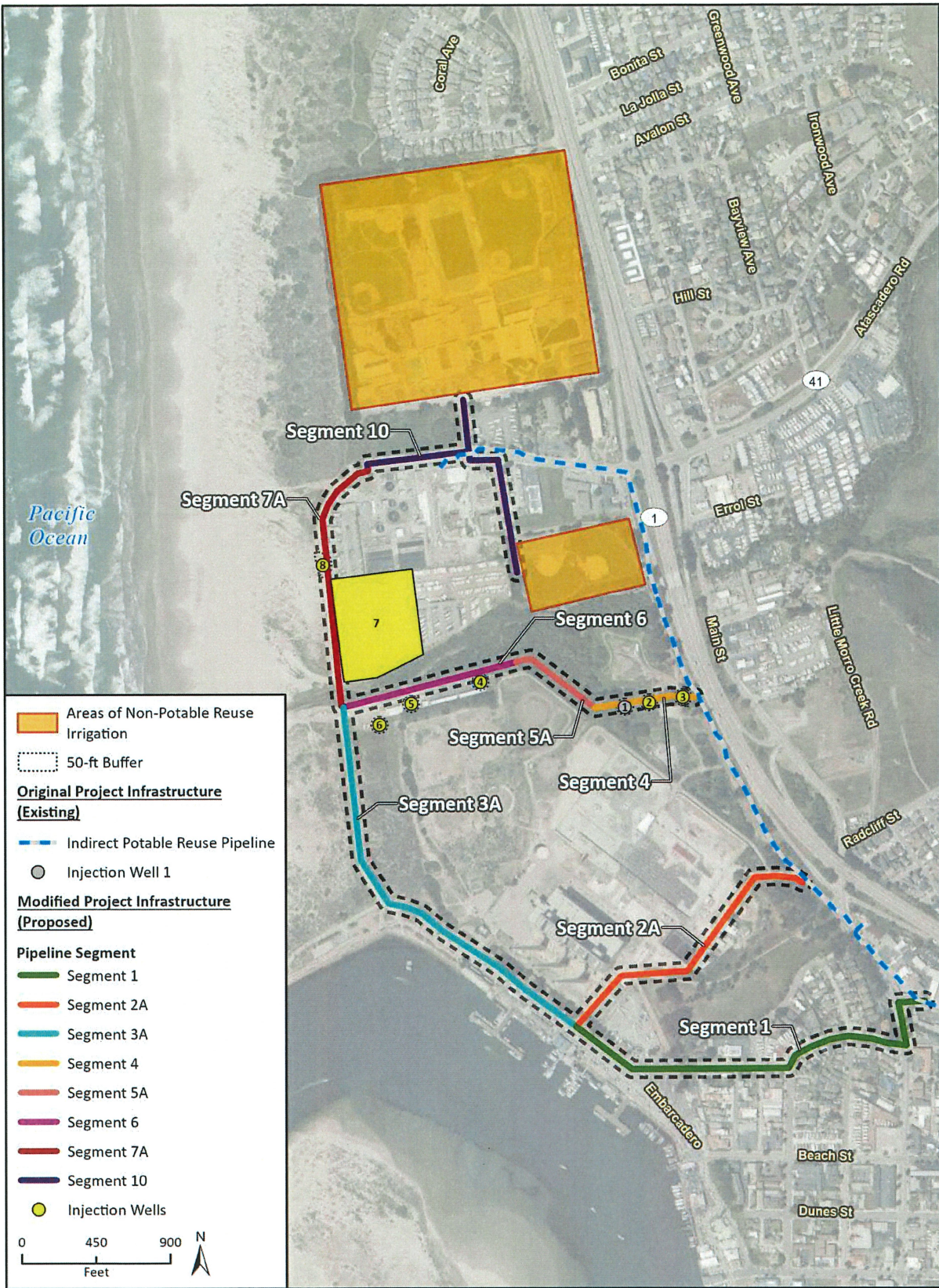
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Figure 1 Modified Project Overview¹



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Fig 2 CEQA Project Location

¹ Due to ongoing siting efforts, the location of IW-7 is shown more generally as the southern portion of the Morro Dunes RV Park. The permanent footprint of IW-7 would occupy approximately 6,050 square feet of this area.