



City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department Water Advisory Group

REGIONAL WASTEWATER CONTROL FACILITY MODIFICATIONS PROJECT EIR MARCH 6, 2019



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Replace or rehabilitate aging treatment facilities, thereby extending the useful life of the RWCF
- Reduce or eliminate unnecessary treatment processes to streamline operations
- Comply with effluent limitations specified in the RWCF NPDES permit
- Improve working conditions and operations support facilities for increased efficiency
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce reliance on the external energy providers
- Implement a project that reflects the priorities and funding capacity of the City





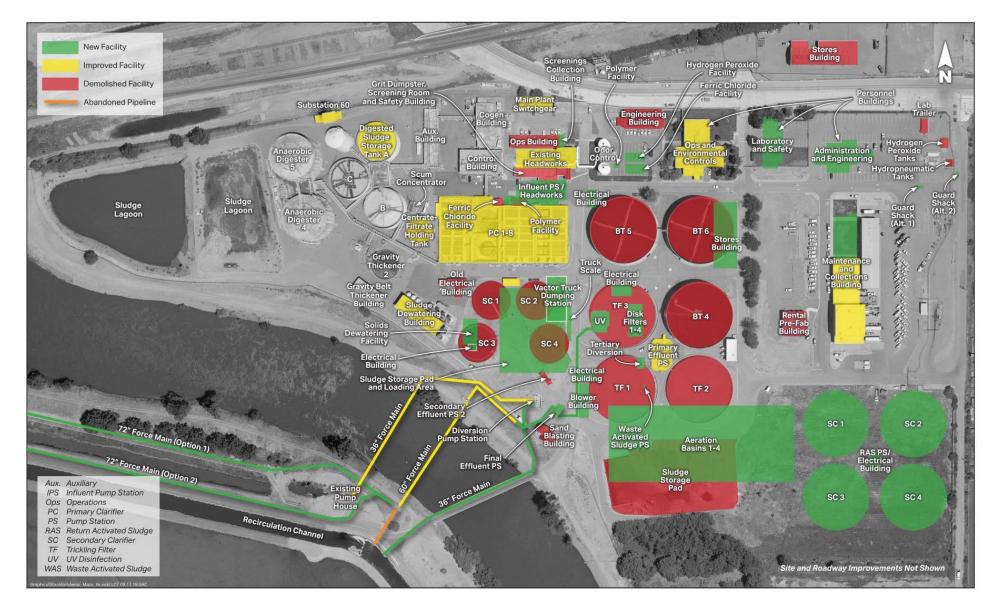
PROJECT GOALS

- Upgrades to:
 - Increase the reliability of the liquid and solids treatment processes
 - Improve treatment reliability of existing and projected flows
 - Reduce energy costs and provide reliable renewable energy alternatives
 - Reduce nitrate plus nitrite (N plus N) concentrations in the final effluent to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) limitations





PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: MAIN PLANT



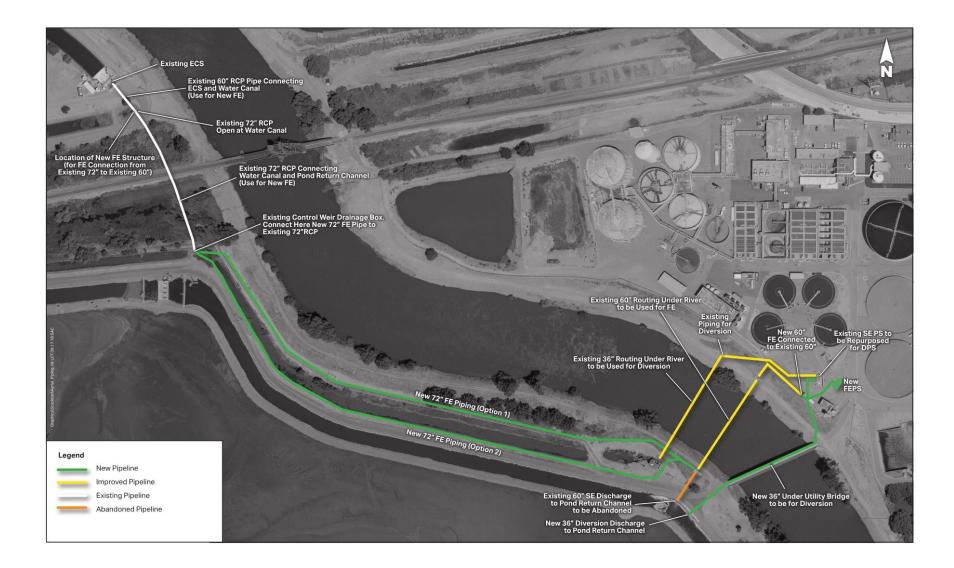
PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: TERTIARY PLANT



PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: PONDS AND WETLANDS



PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: PIPELINES FOR EFFLUENT ROUTING





RESOURCE ISSUES ANALYZED IN THE EIR

- ► Air Quality
- ► Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change
- Energy
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- ► Noise
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation and Circulation
- Utilities and Public Services





CEQA-PLUS EIR

- City is pursuing Clean Water State Revolving Funds
- ► U.S. EPA funding, equivalent to federal action
- Delegated Authority to State Water Board
- Compliance with Federal Regulations:
 - Section 7 Consultation pursuant to ESA
 - Essential Fish Habitat Consultation
 - Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act
 - Clean Air Act, Conformity Determination
 - Migratory Bird Treaty Act
 - Protection of Wetlands





EIR PROCESS

- ► Notice of Preparation 9-7-2018
- Scoping Meeting 9-24-2018
- ► Draft EIR 11-2-2018 to 12-7-2018
- ► Final EIR
 - Response to Comments
 - Findings of Fact
 - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)
- Council Consideration of Final EIR 3-26-19





FINAL EIR

Comments Received/Addressed

- ► San Joaquin Council of Governments
- San Joaquin Council of Governments, acting as the Airport Land Use Commission and Congestion Management Agency
- ► San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Reclamation District 404
- Delta Stewardship Council
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX



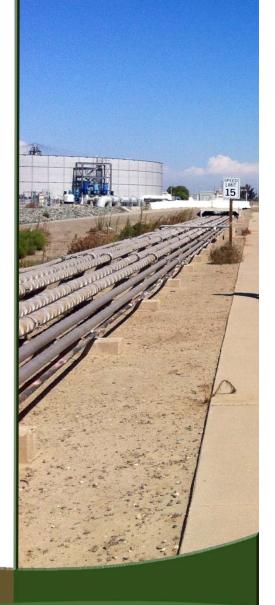


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FINDINGS

- ► No significant and unavoidable impacts
- ► Less-than-Significant Impacts with Mitigation Measures
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Special-Status Plant Species and Habitat
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Giant Garter Snake
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Western Pond Turtle
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Burrowing Owl
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Swainson's Hawk, White-Tailed Kite, and Other Nesting Raptors
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Tricolored Blackbird, Song Sparrow ("Modesto" Population), and Other Nesting Birds
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Special-Status Bats





FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

- ► Less-than-Significant Impacts with Mitigation Measures
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle
 - Disturbance to or Loss of Special-Status Bats Disturbance to Riparian Habitat
 - Effects on Previously Undiscovered Archaeological Resources and Tribal Resources
 - Effects on Previously Undiscovered Human Remains
 - Effects on Paleontological Resources
 - Increased Traffic Congestion During Construction





RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution to:
 - Certify the Regional Wastewater Control Facility (RWCF) Modifications Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and
 - Adopt the Findings of Fact (Findings), and
 - Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).



