



Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment, Draft Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact, and Final Notice Pursuant to Executive Order 11988

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Community Sewer Conversion

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Indian Health Service (IHS) has conducted an evaluation as required by the Indian Health Service Environmental Review Manual and Executive Order 11988 and 11990 to determine the potential effect that the implementation of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Community Sewer Conversion (Proposed Project) will have on the environment.

The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (Band) is proposing the construction of new wastewater facilities. These new facilities include gravity pipelines, lift stations, force mains and a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). These facilities would replace existing septic systems within 5,450 acres of three districts (Districts A, B, and C) of the Band’s Reservation Area, inclusive of a 325-acre portion of land northwest of District B. Each district would include improvements, such as gravity pipelines, lift stations and force mains. District A would also include the listed improvements as well as the WWTP.

The IHS, as Lead Federal Agency, announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the final notice in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) for public review for the Proposed Project. The EA evaluated the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and includes mitigation measures to minimize any potential impacts. Based on the analysis presented in the EA, IHS has determined that the Proposed Project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts and therefore does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Furthermore, this Notice of Availability acts as Final Notice for the Proposed Action and therefore fulfills Step 7 of the 8-Step process implemented to comply with Executive Orders 11988.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to invite public comments on the EA and the Draft Mitigated FONSI.

Electronic versions of the EA and the Draft Mitigated FONSI are available for review on the IHS and the Band’s website at the below locations. A hard copy will also be available at the Band’s main administration building. (please check for applicable hours of operation).

<https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/about-us/oehe/ofc-assoc-dir/nepa/>

<https://www.sanpasqualbandofmissionindians.org/departments/environmental-department>

Comments may be submitted via email to julia.majkrzak@ihs.gov. Written comments must be received by the IHS at the following address on or before Friday, March 27, 2026:

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