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## CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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DATE: November 14, 2011

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Scott Johnson, Associate Planner  
Community Development Department

RE: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO WATER TREATMENT PLANTS  
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

### COMMENT PERIOD

November 16, 2011 to December 16, 2011

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Sacramento ("City") is the Lead Agency for preparation of environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project (Project). The environmental review to be prepared by the City will evaluate potential significant environmental effects of the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation at the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant (SRWTP) and E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (EAFWTP) sites. At this time the City does not anticipate the Project will either directly or indirectly lead to significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level.

The proposed Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project consists of replacing existing outdated equipment and facilities, constructing miscellaneous improvements at SRWTP and constructing solids handling improvements at SRWTP and EAFWTP. The project does not increase the capacity of either the SRWTP or the EAFWTP.

The initial study/mitigated negative declaration to be prepared for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project is being prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City as the Lead Agency is issuing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform all responsible agencies of that decision. The purpose of the NOP

is to provide information describing the project and its potential environmental effects and to seek input from responsible agencies as defined by CEQA (California Public Resources Code 21069). Agencies should comment on such information as it relates to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

## **SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

Comments and suggestions as to the appropriate scope of analysis and responsible agencies are invited from all interested parties. Written comments or questions concerning the proposed project should be directed to the environmental project manager at the following address by 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2011. Please include the contact person's full name and address in order for staff to respond appropriately:

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## **PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING**

E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (EAFWTP) is located east of California State University at Sacramento (CSUS) and south of the American River and consists of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN): 005-0010-011, -012. The Sacramento River Water Treatment Plan (SRWTP) is located east of Interstate 5 and the Sacramento River near Richards Boulevard and consists of APNs: 001-0210-038, 001-0064-015, 001-0210-024, and 001-0061-025 (See Figure 1 Vicinity Map; Figure 2, SRWTP Project Location; Figure 3, EAFWTP Project Location Map).

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project consists of replacing existing outdated equipment and facilities, constructing miscellaneous improvements at SRWTP and constructing solids handling improvements at SRWTP and EAFWTP. The project does not increase the capacity of either the SRWTP or the EAFWTP.

At SRWTP, the existing flocculation and sedimentation Basins 1 and 2, old filters 1 through 16 and pump station will be replaced with new facilities. To construct these new facilities, Basin 2 and the former 911 Call Center building north of the plant will be demolished. Basin 1, pump station and old filters 1 through 16 will be decommissioned, but not demolished. As part of these proposed improvements there are associated improvements including, miscellaneous asphalt concrete roads and parking areas and pipelines. In addition, new solids handling improvements and miscellaneous electrical/process improvements will be installed to improve plant efficiency.

At EAFWTP, the existing FWW basins will be retrofitted with mechanical sludge collection systems to allow regular removal of settled sludge and transfer to the solids handling facility. A new dewatering building will be constructed and fitted with equipment to dewater solids. The existing chlorine system will be expanded and other improvements to the electrical and operating system will be installed as required.

Construction of the proposed project will take approximately three years.

Figure 1, Regional Location Map

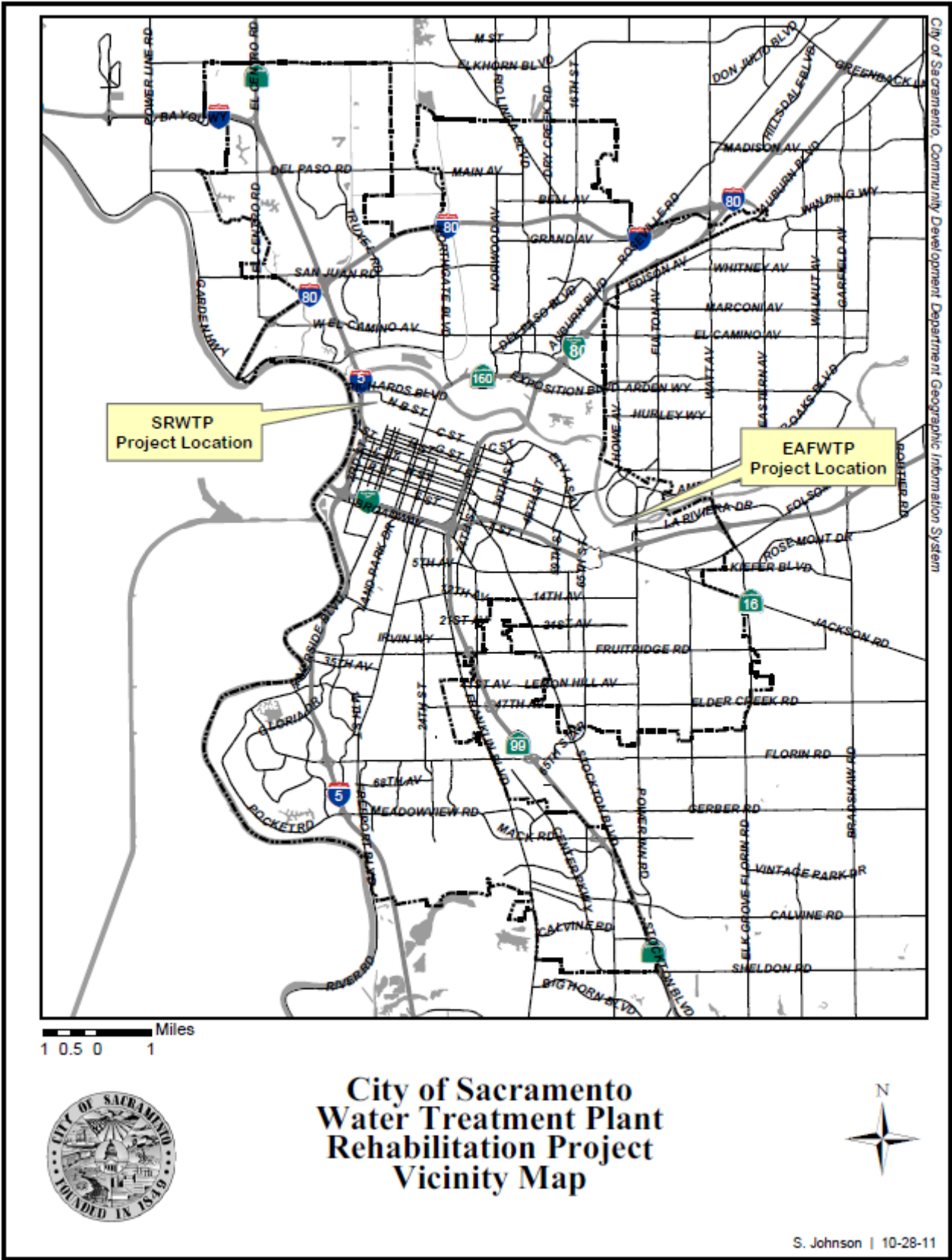


Figure 2, SRWTP Location Map



Figure 3, SRWTP Location Map

