### COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: December 10, 2014

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Consideration of a Coastal Development

Permit to allow the installation of 190 linear feet of 6-inch iron water pipe in

the road right-of-way of Miramar Drive in the unincorporated area of

Miramar.

County File Number: PLN 2014-00337

(Coastside County Water District)

#### **PROPOSAL**

The applicant, Coastside County Water District (CCWD), proposes to install 190 linear feet of 6-inch iron water pipeline in the right-of-way of Miramar Drive. This project will complete a loop for the existing public water distribution mains. No new water connections to parcels in the project area are proposed as part of this project. The project will improve the reliability of water service, improve water quality, and improve fire flows through eliminating two dead end mains.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Coastal Development Permit, County File Number PLN 2014-00337, by adopting the required findings and conditions of approval.

#### **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 53091, projects undertaken by CCWD for the storage and transmission of water are typically exempt from compliance with zoning regulations; however, a Coastal Development Permit, since the extension of water lines represents an expansion of the system in compliance with the Local Coastal Program, which includes the County's Zoning District Regulations, is required and must be approved by the Planning Commission.

For the purposes of compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, CCWD is the lead agency and the County has assumed the role of responsible agency. CCWD has filed a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15061.

The proposed work by the CCWD will improve the water quality and water for existing users of CCWD's water distribution system. It will also improve fire flow for the system in the Miramar area, as the two existing dead end mains will be looped into the water system. There are no new connections proposed as part of this project. Staff has reviewed this project and found CCWD is proposing standard construction measures that will, as conditioned by staff, comply with the County's Local Coastal Program.

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### COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: December 10, 2014

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Section

6328.4 of the County Zoning Regulations, to allow the installation of 190 linear feet of 6-inch iron water pipe in the road right-of-way of Miramar

Drive in the unincorporated area of Miramar.

County File Number: PLN 2014-00337

(Coastside County Water District)

#### **PROPOSAL**

The applicant, Coastside County Water District (CCWD), proposes to install 190 linear feet of 6-inch iron water pipeline in the public road right-of-way of Miramar Drive. This project will complete a loop for the existing public water distribution mains. No new water connections to parcels in the project area are proposed as part of this project. The project will improve the reliability of water service, improve water quality, and improve fire flows through eliminating two dead end mains.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Coastal Development Permit, County File Number PLN 2014-00337, by adopting the required findings and conditions of approval identified in Attachment A.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Report Prepared By: Rob Bartoli, Project Planner, Telephone 650/363-1857

Applicant: Coastside County Water District

Owner: San Mateo County

Location: Within the public right-of-way on Miramar Drive, between Purisima Way and

Terrace Avenue, Miramar

Zoning: PAD/DR/CZ (Planned Agricultural District/Design Review District/Costal Zone) and R-1/S-94/DR/CD (One-Family Residential District/S-94 Combining District/Design Review District/Costal Development District)

General Plan Designation: Agriculture Rural and Medium-Low Density Residential

Flood Zones: Zone X (Areas of minimal flood hazard that are outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area), FEMA Panel 06081C0255E (dated October 16, 2012).

Existing Land Use: The areas of proposed work consist of existing public road right-ofways. The surrounding land use consists of single-family homes.

Environmental Evaluation: The CCWD is the lead agency and the County has assumed the role of responsible agency, per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. CCWD has filed a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Section 15301, Section 15303, and Section 15304.

Setting: The project area is located approximately 1,000 feet east of Highway 1 (Cabrillo Highway) in a residential zoned and developed area of Miramar. All work will be conducted within the road right-of-way.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### A. KEY ISSUES

#### 1. Conformity with County General Plan

The project is subject to the policies of the County's General Plan.

The project complies with Policy 4.47 (*Regulation of Development in Scenic Corridors*). The project is located in the Cabrillo Highway County Scenic Corridor. The policies of this chapter generally refer to above-grade structures and buildings that are visible to travelers from the vantage point of Cabrillo Highway. The water main extension will occur completely underground. Upon completion, there will be no visible change to the area.

Policy 4.65 (*Utilities in County Scenic Corridors*). This policy requires that all new distribution lines be undergrounded. The 190 linear feet water main extension proposed by CCWD will be entirely underground.

Policy 10.8 (*Water Systems for Coastal Areas*). This policy supports efforts to provide adequate water systems for the Midcoast. The completion of the water main will improve water quality and reliability of the water system in the Miramar neighborhood. No new connections will be added as part of this project.

#### 2. Conformity with Local Coastal Program (LCP)

A Coastal Development Permit is required pursuant to LCP Policy 2.1, which mandates compliance with the California Coastal Act for any government agency wishing to undertake development in the Coastal Zone. Development includes all public transportation facilities including all transmission facilities for water (Policy 2.2). Staff has completed a Coastal Development Checklist for these projects. Summarized below are the following sections of the LCP that are relevant:

#### a. Public Works Component

Policy 2.6 (*Capacity Limits*). This policy limits the development or expansion of public works facilities which does not exceed that needed to serve buildout of the LCP. The addition of the 190 linear feet would complete the loop for the existing water main system in the Miramar area. No new water connections will be installed as part of this project. All but one property in the vicinity of the project is currently developed with a single family dwelling unit. This vacant lot currently has access to an existing water line.

#### b. <u>Visual Resources Component</u>

The project complies with Policy 8.32 (*Regulation of Scenic Corridors in Urban Areas*). The project is located in the Cabrillo Highway County Scenic Corridor. The policies of this chapter generally refer to above-grade structures or buildings that are visible to travelers from the vantage point of Cabrillo Highway. The water main extension will occur completely underground. Upon completion, there will be no visible change to the area.

#### 3. Conformity with Zoning Regulations

The project sites are all located in the public right-of-way and are zoned either PAD/DR/CZ or R-1/S-94/DR/CD. The project requires review against the applicable Development Review Criteria.

#### a. Conformity with PAD Zoning Regulations

Two properties adjacent to the project site are zoned PAD/CZ. Both are developed with single-family residences. Pursuant to PAD Regulations (Chapter 21A, Section 6355), the project is required to be reviewed against the PAD Substantive Criteria. The project does not propose any land division or conversion of land from an agricultural use. The project is on County-owned right-of-ways and will not impact

private property. As there will be no impact on PAD zoned properties, the project meets the PAD Substantive Criteria.

#### b. <u>Conformity with R-1/S-94/DR/CD Zoning Regulations</u>

The majority of the properties adjacent to the project site are zoned R-1/S-94/DR/CD. All but one property is currently developed with a single-family dwelling. The projects are all on County-owned right-of-ways and will not impact private property. The project does not involve the construction or placing of buildings. There is no specific development review criteria for projects in the R-1 zone. As there will be no impact on these properties, the project meets the R-1/S-94/DR/CD development standards.

#### 4. Conformity with Grading Regulations

Section 8603.9 of the San Mateo County Grading Regulations exempts work conducted in any County street public right-of-way or easement when the work is for a public facility, public utility, or other public purposes. Under PLN 2014-00337, Coastside County Water District (CCWD) is improving a public utility, the water mains, and falls under the above-mentioned exemption.

#### B. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Coastside County Water District (CCWD) is the lead agency and the County has assumed the role of responsible agency, per the CEQA Guidelines. On November 26, 2014, CCWD filed a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Sections 15301, Class 1 (repair, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing structures or facilities); 15302, Class 2 (replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities); 15303, Class 3 (new construction or conversion or small structures); and 15304 (minor alterations to land). CCWD also noted in the Notice of Exemption that the project qualified for a Statutory Exemption under California Public Resources Code Section 21080.21 (Pipeline less than one mile in length in public right-of-way). However, this Statutory Exemption goes into effect on January 1, 2018 (Code Section 21080.21(b)) and is not applicable to this project.

#### C. <u>REVIEWING AGENCIES</u>

San Mateo County Department of Public Works – Encroachment Permit required San Mateo County Building Inspection Section – No comments San Mateo County Environmental Health Division – No comments Granada Sanitary District – No comments Coastside Fire Protection District – No comments California Coastal Commission – No comments Pacifica Gas & Electric – No comments

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Recommended Findings and Conditions of Approval CCWD Improvement Plan Location and Zoning Map CCWD Categorical Exemption A.
- B.
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### County of San Mateo Planning and Building Department

#### RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Permit or Project File Number: PLN 2014-00337 Hearing Date: December 10, 2014

Prepared By: Rob Bartoli For Adoption By: Planning Commission

Project Planner

#### RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

#### Regarding the Environmental Review, Find:

1. That the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the <u>Categorical Exemption</u>, prepared by the Coastside County Water District as Lead Agency.

#### Regarding the Coastal Development Permit, Find:

- 2. That the project, as described in the application and accompanying materials required by Zoning Regulations Section 6328.7 and as conditioned in accordance with Section 6328.14, conforms with the plans, policies, requirements and standards of the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program as discussed in the staff report under Section A.2.
- 3. That the project conforms to the specific findings required by policies of the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program as discussed in the staff report under Section A.2 in that no new water connections will be installed to undeveloped parcels and that the project will not expand public works facilities beyond that needed to serve buildout.

#### RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

#### **Current Planning Section**

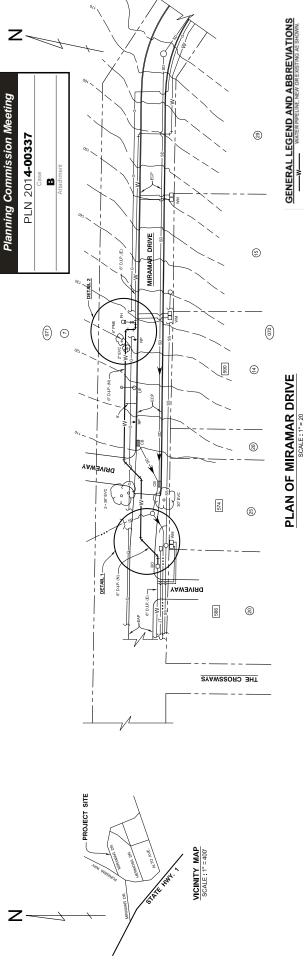
This approval applies only to the proposal, documents and plans described in this
report and submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission at its
December 10, 2014 meeting. Minor revisions or modifications to these projects
may be made subject to the review and approval of the Community Development
Director.

- 2. The applicant shall implement their construction best management practices (BMPs) as necessary for each individual work area. Said practices shall conform to the San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program "General Construction and Site Supervision Guidelines" and include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Using filtration materials on storm drain covers to remove sediment from dewatering effluent.
  - b. Stabilizing all denuded areas and maintaining erosion control measures continuously between October 1 and April 30.
  - c. Removing spoils promptly and avoiding stockpiling of fill materials when rain is forecast. If rain threatens, stockpiled soils and other materials shall be covered with a tarp or other waterproof material.
  - d. Storing, handling, and disposing of construction materials and wastes so as to avoid their entry to a local storm drain system or water body.
  - e. Avoiding cleaning, fueling or maintaining vehicles on-site, except in an area designated to contain and treat runoff.
  - f. Ensuring that all contractors minimize the transport and discharge of pollutants from the project site into existing drainage systems and water bodies and adhere to the above-referenced practices.
- 3. This permit shall be valid for one (1) year. Any extension of this permit shall require submittal of an application for permit extension and payment of applicable permit extension fees.
- 4. Prior to the beginning of construction activities associated with this Coastal Development Permit, the applicant shall submit copies of all applicable permits received from local, State and Federal agencies for this project.

#### **Department of Public Works**

5. No proposed construction work within the County right-of-way shall begin until County requirements for the issuance of an encroachment permit, including review of the plans, have been met and an encroachment permit issued. Applicant shall contact a Department of Public Works Inspector 48 hours prior to commencing work in the right-of-way.

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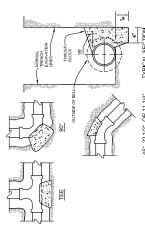
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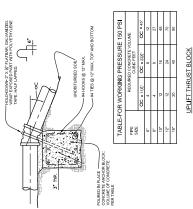
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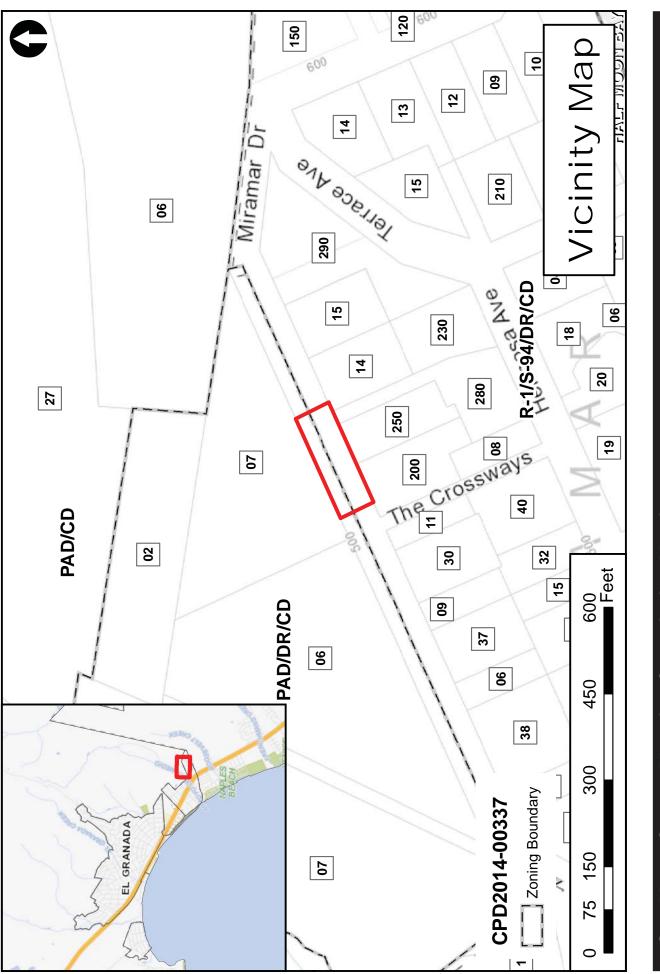
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Date: Dec 3 2014

To: COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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## Final Posting Confirmation for Environmental Impact Reports

Subject: Return of Environmental Documents Filed and Posted for 30 days.

Public Resources Code Section 21092,3

The attached document(s), File Number 125915 was received, filed and a copy posted with the County Clerk on Nov 28 2014 and remained posted for thirty calendar days.

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Deputy Clerk on behalf of Mark Church

#### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

#### COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 766 MAIN STREET, HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019

To: San Mateo County

Assessor – Clerk- Recorder 555 County Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Redwood City, CA 94063 ENDORSED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER OF
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MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By—VERQNICA MADRID—

Project Title: Miramar Drive Pipeline Project

Project Location: Miramar Drive between Purisima Way and Terrace Avenue, Unincorporated San Mateo

County, County of San Mateo

<u>Project Description, Purpose and Beneficiaries:</u> This project consists of constructing 190 linear feet of 6 inch diameter ductile iron water pipeline connecting together two dead-end 6-inch mains. All work will be in the public right-of-way on Miramar Drive. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by eliminating dead-end sections and increase system reliability by providing a second connection to the Miramar Tank.

The beneficiaries of the project include all the residents of the District who are provided service from, and in the vicinity of, this water line.

#### Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Coastside County Water District

#### Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Coastside County Water District, Project Sponsor County of San Mateo, Environmental Services Agency, Coastal Development Permit

**Exempt Status**: The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it falls within one or more of the following exemptions:

- Statutory Exemption, Pipeline less than One Mile in Length in Public Right-of-Way (Public Resources Code Section 21080.21)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CEQA Guidelines Section 15303)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines Section 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is statutorily exempt as a pipeline under one mile in length in the public right-of-way and categorically exempt because it involves minor modifications to existing facilities with no expansion of existing use, installation of new small facilities and structure, and minor alterations to land

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Dickson, General Manager Telephone: (650) 726-4405

Signature

Title

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Date