

Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report

Since its construction in 1956, the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant has operated continuously in service to Sunnyvale's residents. Now, the plant is nearing the end of its useful life and much of the wastewater system's aging infrastructure needs replacing. The City of Sunnyvale is preparing a Draft Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan to address the Plant's current and future challenges. The Master Plan identifies a series of improvements to the facilities at the Plant to occur over the next 20-plus years.

The Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan is needed to ensure the Plant continues to meet health, safety and water quality standards.

The City of Sunnyvale is currently preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) to analyze the potential environmental impacts from the Master Plan's proposed improvements, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Program EIR will also evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Santa Clara Valley Water District acquiring purified water from the Plant and using it to supplement future water supplies.

The purpose of a Program EIR is to provide public agencies and the public with detailed information about the effects and cumulative impacts which a series of proposed activities are likely to have on the environment. Beyond identifying environmental impacts, a Program EIR also identifies ways to mitigate those impacts. The Program EIR process provides for technical study of a variety of environmental issues, as well as public input and participation.

The Draft Program EIR contents will include:

- Draft Master Plan overview, including planning objectives and proposed Plant improvements
- Environmental impact analysis of the potential effects from the proposed improvements on a variety of resource areas, including noise, air quality, land use and biological resources, among others
- Mitigation measures to reduce the effects of impacts that could be significant
- Alternatives analysis examining modified versions of the Draft Master Plan that could result in fewer environmental effects

What is a Program EIR?

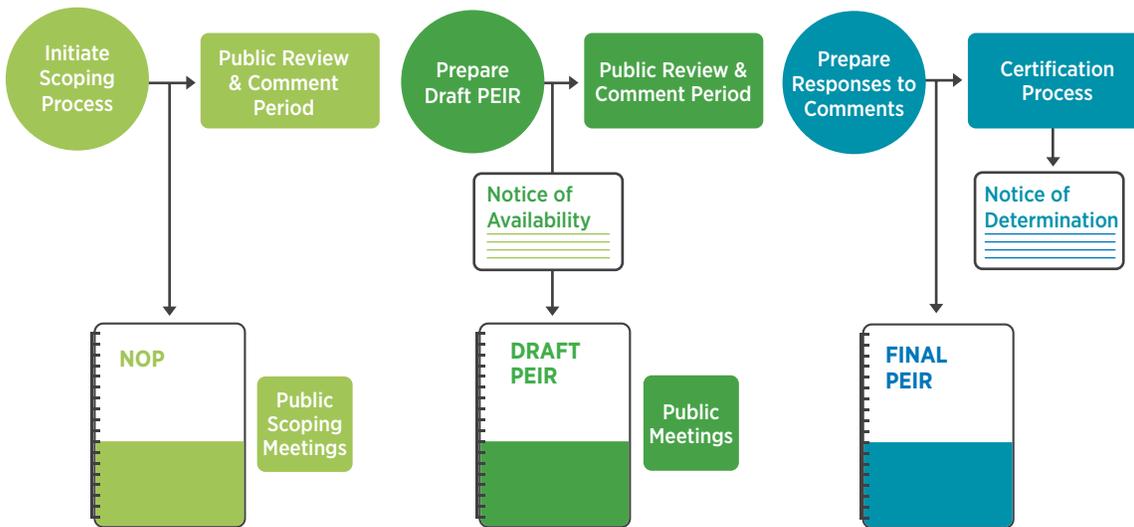
A Program EIR comprehensively assesses the potential environmental impacts for a set of actions that are related either geographically or as part of a series of activities and can be categorized as one larger project.



The CEQA Process and Public Involvement

Community involvement is essential to the CEQA process and there are a number of opportunities for the public to participate throughout the Program EIR process. As the first step, the City of Sunnyvale will solicit input during the environmental scoping period on the types of environmental issues, mitigation measures and alternatives to address in the Program EIR. The Draft Program EIR is scheduled to be released for public review and comment in late 2015. The City will conduct public meetings during both the environmental scoping and Draft Program EIR public review periods. By summer 2016, the Final Program EIR is anticipated to be completed and will address comments raised during the Draft Program EIR public review period. The CEQA process will conclude with public hearings where the City Council will consider certification of the Final Program EIR.

CEQA Process Program EIR (PEIR)



More About the Water Pollution Control Plant

Since 1956, the Plant has protected the health and well-being of its customers. Located on approximately 17 acres along Borregas Avenue in Sunnyvale and adjacent to the southern end of San Francisco Bay, the Plant also includes 440 acres of oxidation ponds. The Plant runs continuously, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, processing waste treatment for more than 148,000 residences and businesses. The plant employs a tri-level treatment process involving a number of physical, chemical and natural biological process steps. The result is water clean enough to meet the standards for recycling use or discharge into San Francisco Bay.

**Did you know?
This Plant is
one of the oldest
treatments plants
on the
west coast.**



Get Involved

Public and agency input allows decision makers to benefit from local knowledge and consider local issues and concerns. For more information, visit sunnyvale.ca.gov, or call **(408) 730-7415**.