



One Water and Adaptation Committee

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions for the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection Project, and approve the project for CEQA purposes

Item 7-2

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Subject

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions for the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection Project, and approve the project for CEQA purposes

Purpose

Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration allows Metropolitan to proceed with obtaining additional project clearances and approvals

Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and take related CEQA Actions

No Fiscal Impact

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Adopt the Mitigated
Negative Declaration
for the Casa Loma
Siphon No. 1 and San
Jacinto Pipeline
Protection Project

Background

- In February 2019, Metropolitan discovered inadequate cover over the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and the San Jacinto Pipeline
- Inadequate cover creates the following risks:
 - Pipeline flotation and structural damage
 - Potential for debris impacts
 - Lack of vehicle loading protections
- Emergency temporary protection measures were completed in 2019 and 2023
- 2023 Engineering Study resulted in a proposal for permanent protective measures in the form of concrete encasement and riprap



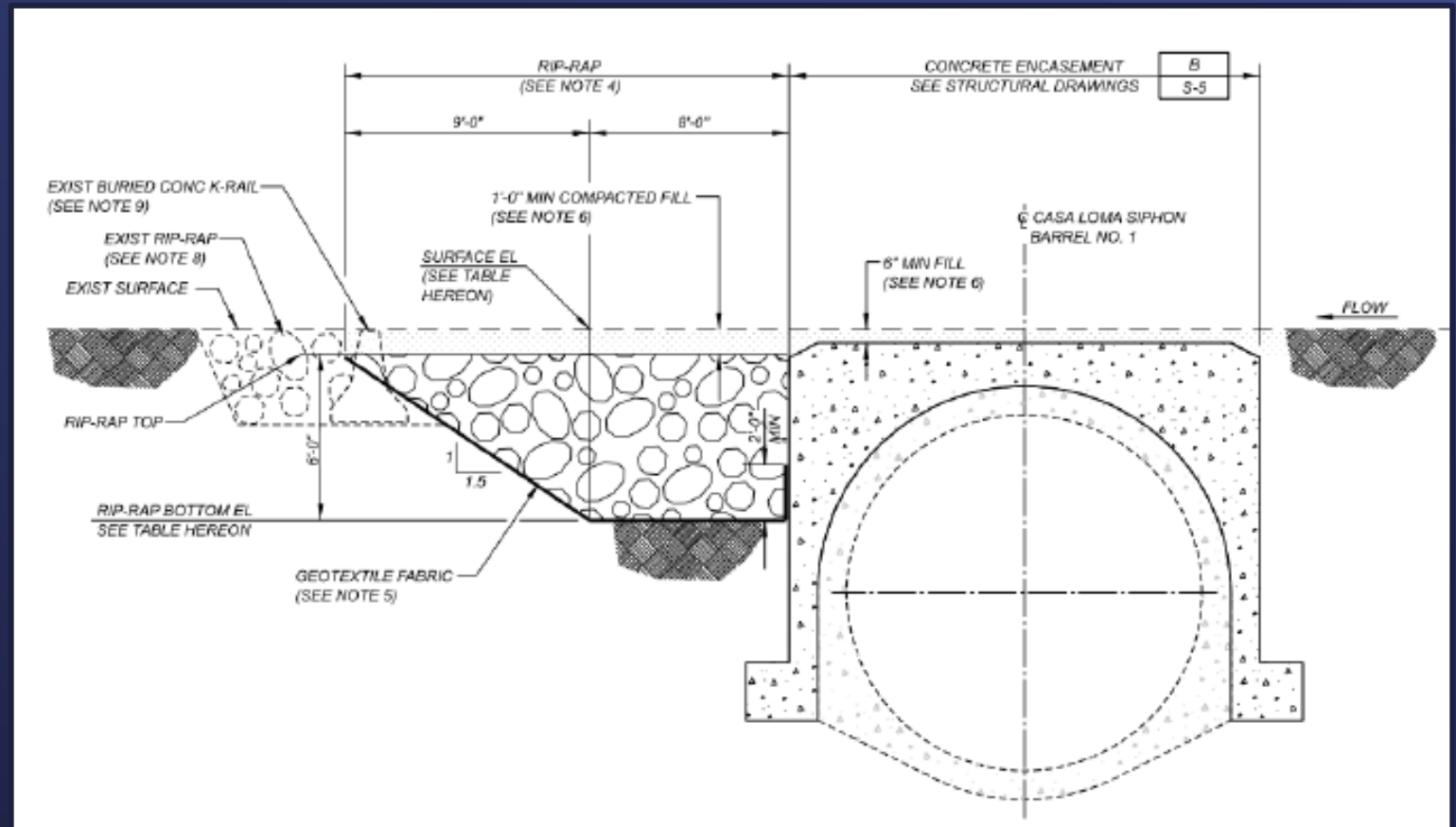
Project Area Map



Project Scope of Work

- Encasement approximately 320 feet of the CRA Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and approximately 295 feet of the San Jacinto Pipeline
 - Placement of base material and riprap
 - Fill and grade to match the existing surface elevation

Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection MND



Casa Loma
Siphon No. 1 and
San Jacinto
Pipeline
Protection MND

Mitigated Negative Declaration

- Two potentially significant impact categories
 - Biological resources
 - Tribal cultural resources
- All impacts less than significant with mitigation

Board Options

- Option #1

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions for the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection Project, and approve the project for CEQA purposes

- Option #2

Do not adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration or approve the project for CEQA purposes at this time

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

