NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Coachella Valley Water District
2010 Water Management Plan Update
Draft Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report

Project Description and Location: The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) provides water, wastewater and flood control services in the Coachella Valley, which extends from Whitewater to the Salton Sea in central Riverside County, and portions of northern San Diego and Imperial Counties adjacent to the Salton Sea. The CVWD service area includes the cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, Coachella, Indio and La Quinta.

CVWD has prepared an Update to the 2002 Coachella Valley Water Management Plan to address changes in water supply reliability and in the environment since publication of the 2002 Plan. The planning period is 2010 through 2045. The proposed project seeks to meet current and future study area water demands, manage overdraft, manage water quality, and minimize environmental impacts. Proposed Project elements are water conservation, acquisition of imported supplies, increased recycled water use, drain water desalination, groundwater recharge, and source substitution.

CVWD has prepared a Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) to address the impacts of implementing the 2010 Water Management Plan Update. The 2002 PEIR is incorporated by reference.

Environmental Effects: Impacts found to be less than significant after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures include: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, soils, geological hazards, hazards/hazardous materials, noise (daytime construction and operation), public service and utilities and traffic/transportation. Impacts found to be potentially significant after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures include: air emissions during construction, air emissions from exposed Salton Sea playa, water quality impacts on groundwater, and increase selenium in agricultural drains. With respect to the presence of hazardous waste facilities, hazardous waste property, hazardous waste sites, facilities’ sites are not known at this time, except for the Martinez Canyon recharge area, which is undeveloped desert habitat, and the Water Reclamation Plant No. 4 site area for a desalination plant, which is in agriculture or desert habitat. Neither site contains hazardous materials.

Document Availability: The Draft SPEIR is available for review at http://www.CVWD.org and at the following libraries: Rancho Mirage Library (71-100 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270), Palm Desert Library (73-300 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260), La Quinta Library (78-275 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253), Indio Library (200 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201). The Draft SPEIR and other documents related to the proposed project are available for review at CVWD offices during normal business hours (see contact information below).

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Public Review Period: Written comments on the Draft SPEIR may be submitted from August 8, 2011 through September 22, 2011. Please indicate a contact person in your response and send your response to the address below:

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Public Meeting: A public meeting to receive comments on the Draft SPEIR will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in the new CVWD Administration Facility, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211. Individuals who require special accommodation are requested to contact CVWD (see contact information above) at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Signature

Date

J. M. Barrett
Printed Name

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