



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq and CEQA-Plus federal cross-cutters. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 20-day public review period, commencing October 16, 2020, and ending November 4, 2020.

Project Title: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Non-Potable Water Connections Project

Project Location: The project corridor (pipeline alignments) traverses the cities of Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells, and La Quinta in Riverside County, as well as the community of Thousand Palms in unincorporated Riverside County.

Brief Project Description: The project consists of the construction and operation of approximately 12 miles of non-potable water (NPW) pipeline segments and connections to provide irrigation water for seven local golf courses, one community church, and one sports and entertainment venue. These end users currently use on-site pumped groundwater or CVWD-supplied potable water for irrigation; there are no connections to canal water at this time. Under the proposed project, those water sources would shift to Blended Recycled Water provided from CVWD's existing Water Reclamation Plant No. 10 (WRP10) facility, located at 43000 Cook Street in Palm Desert. WRP10 is equipped with a tertiary treatment design capacity of 15 million gallons per day (mgd). During the winter months, when current demand for recycled water is less than the available supply, a portion of the recycled water (tertiary water) is disposed through on-site percolation/evaporation ponds, which would be eliminated as more NPW users are connected to the NPW distribution system. The NPW pipeline would be installed in 200-foot-long segments, to limit project construction activities and associated disturbance to surrounding land uses. Refer to Figure 1, Project Location, for a depiction of the proposed project alignment in relation to city and county boundaries. The project corridor is not included on any lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Meeting: CVWD's Board of Directors will consider the Project at a publically-noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled for December 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are typically held at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, located at 75-515 Hovley Lane East in Palm Desert, California, 92211; however, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, CVWD offices are closed to the public and Board of Directors meetings are live-streamed from CVWD's website at www.cvwd.org

20-Day Document Review: The document may be reviewed online at: www.cvwd.org

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to: William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: wpatterson@cvwd.org

Figure 1- Project Location

