



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period, commencing September 29, 2021, and ending October 29, 2021.

Project Title: Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project

Project Location The proposed project is located in the eastern Coachella Valley area of Riverside County, California near the unincorporated community of Thermal along Desert Cactus Drive and Fillmore Street between Airport Boulevard and Avenue 57. The project area is south of Avenue 55, west of Pierce Street, north of Avenue 58, and east of State Route 111. It will also include a crossing of the railroad, SR 111, and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, along with work within the following parcels: Campos MHP (APN: 757-080-018), De Leon Ranch (APN: 763-370-026), Desert View MHP (APN: 757-070-022), Durans Farms (APN: 757-110-020), Leon Housing (APN: 757-110-025), Luciano Valenzuela (APN: 757-100-009), Magdalena Lopez Water System (757-070-049; 757-070-034; 757-070-045; 757-070-041), Meza's Ranch (APN: 757-080-021), Oscar Cruz Water System (APN: 757-140-009), Soto Water (APN: 763-370-009), Valley View MHP (APN: 757-100-015), Villa de Josue MHP (APN: 757-110-023) and Vista Norte Estates (APN: 757-100-013). The project corridor is not included on any lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Brief Project Description: The proposed project would connect 13 privately owned small water systems (SWS) currently reliant on septic systems to the CVWD sanitary sewer system and is necessary to address public health concerns in local disadvantaged communities associated with inadequate, failing, or aging SWSs. The majority of SWSs that would be served by the proposed project have septic systems that are nearing the end of their expected utility and need to be replaced. The project proposes the construction of a new sewer lift station and approximately 17,700 linear feet of new sewer mains, as well as sewer laterals and onsite service lines, to add 174 connections to CVWD's existing sanitary sewer system. The pipeline alignment would primarily traverse public roads and include a crossing of the railroad, SR 111, and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. Refer to attached figure for a depiction of the proposed project area

Public Meeting: CVWD's Board of Directors will consider the project at a publicly-noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 8:00 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. In an effort to protect public health, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and because state and/or local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing, the public may view the Board meeting online or virtually. The meeting will be streamed live on the District's website at: www.cvwd.org/151/Board-Agendas. Members of the public may provide comments in-person at the meeting or via Zoom.

30-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

