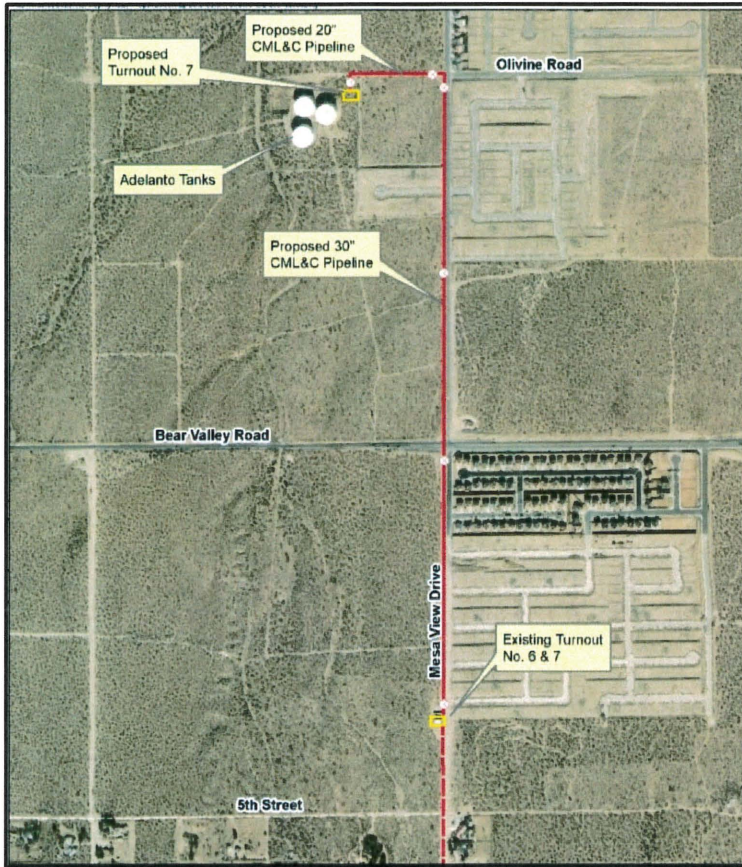




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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY
 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
 NEGATIVE DECLARATION
 Adelanto R³ Extension Project**

The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is proposing the Adelanto R³ Extension Project (Project) to extend its wholesale water delivery service to the community of Adelanto by extending a new pipeline along Mesa View Drive in the Baldy Mesa area of the City of Victorville to the existing Adelanto reservoirs located near Mesa View and Olivine Road south of the City of Adelanto. The Project will construct approximately 1 mile of underground pipeline along Mesa View Drive, beginning at MWA's existing turnout located approximately 0.13 mile north of Del Rosa Road and continuing to the Adelanto reservoir tanks located on Olivine Road, approximately 0.17 mile west of the intersection with Mesa View Drive. The Project includes upgrades to MWA's existing Turnout 6/7 by the addition of a booster pump unit, minor piping and electrical modifications, and the relocation of Turnout 7 to the Adelanto reservoir tanks site. This project will enable Adelanto to receive the R³ water as a supplemental water source. Adelanto currently receives water from groundwater pumping and the City of Victorville. The Adelanto pipeline extension will convey R³ water from the existing Turnout 6/7 facility to the Adelanto reservoir site in accordance with the Water Supply Connection Agreement Regional Recharge and Recovery Project, dated April 10, 2019, between MWA and the City of Adelanto. Included with this project is the construction of a new Turnout 7 facility.

The MWA has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to identify the proposed project; evaluate and describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project; identify those impacts that could be significant; and present mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, an MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The draft MND is available for public review on the MWA's website: www.mojavewater.org and at the MWA's office at 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307. In accordance with CEQA, a good faith effort has been made during the preparation of this draft MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this project. In reviewing the MND and initial study, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated.

Comments may be made on the draft MND in writing before the end of the comment period, which is **October 8, 2019 to November 6, 2019**. Following the close of the public comment period, the MWA Board of Directors will consider this MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. **Written comments on the draft MND should be sent to the following address no later than November 6, 2019:**

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The MWA will consider this document for approval and certification during a public hearing to be held on November 14, 2019 at the Mojave Water Agency, 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

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