

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To:	Responsible and Trustee Agencies	From:	Jake Wiley, Engineering Manager-CIP & Development Rancho California Water District 42135 Winchester Road Temecula, CA 92590
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Rancho California Water District will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The Project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the Initial Study IS attached. The Initial Study is also available at: <a href="https://www.ranchowater.com/127/CEQA-Compliance">https://www.ranchowater.com/127/CEQA-Compliance</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the Initial Study IS NOT attached.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or area-wide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or area-wide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.

If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday July 15, 2020	Time: 5:00 p.m.	Location: Rancho California Water Districts YouTube Channel <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/TheRanchoCAWater">www.youtube.com/user/TheRanchoCAWater</a>  For those wishing to submit comments for the scoping meeting, please submit your comments by 5:00 p.m. on Friday July 10, 2020 at the following link: <a href="http://www.ranchowater.com/comments">www.ranchowater.com/comments</a>
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Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Rancho California Water District, Attn: Jake Wiley, at the address shown above. We will need the name of a contact person in your agency.

Project Title:	Vail Dam Seismic and Hydrologic Remediation Project
Project Location – Specific: Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a U.S.G.S. 15' or 7 ½' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Vail Dam and Vail Lake are located in unincorporated southwestern Riverside County, east of the City of Temecula, in Southern California (see attached figure).



Project Description:	Rancho California Water District proposes the Vail Dam Seismic and Hydrologic Remediation Project (Proposed Project) in order to remediate seismic and hydrologic hazards associated with the existing Vail Dam. The Proposed Project includes construction of a straight-axis concrete gravity dam structure immediately downstream of the existing arch dam and partial demolition of the existing dam. In addition, the Project site includes improvements to support construction and operation of the new dam. This would include improvements to access roads, provision for construction staging and material disposal areas, and partial demolition of the existing dam.
Project Applicant (if any):	N/A.
California Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Waste List (if applicable):	The Project site is not included on any hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5

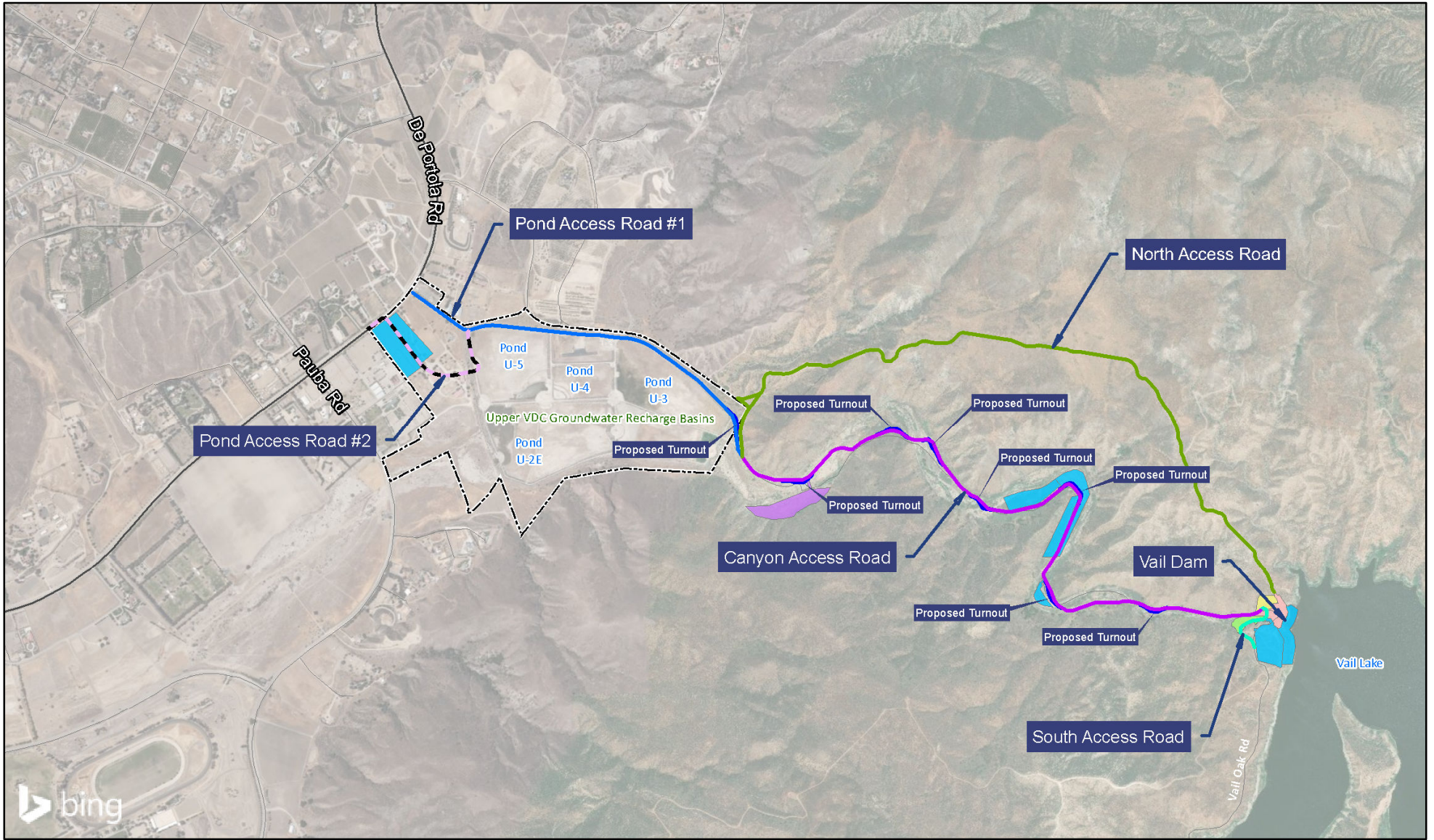
Date: <u>06/18/2020</u>	Signature:	
	Name:	Jake Wiley
	Title:	Engineering Manager-CIP & Development
	Telephone:	(951) 296-6900

Consulting firm retained to prepare draft EIR (if applicable):













Name:	LSA Associates, Inc.
Address:	20 Executive Park, Suite 200
City/State/Zip:	Irvine, CA 92614
Contact Person:	Nicole West

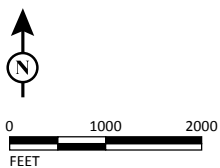
**Reference:** California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.





**LEGEND**

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|  Canyon Access Road     |  Property Boundary                   |
|  North Access Road      |  Dam Construction Area               |
|  Pond Access Road #1    |  Disposal Area                       |
|  Pond Access Road #2    |  South Access Road Construction Area |
|  South Access Road      |  Staging and Laydown Area            |
|  Proposed Truck Turnout |  Temporary Construction Area         |



Vail Dam Seismic and Hydrologic  
Remediation Project  
Project Location