

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF VENTURA EASTSIDE TO WESTSIDE WATERLINE INTERCONNECTION PROJECT

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15072, this is to advise you that the City of Ventura, Public Works Department (City) has prepared an Initial Study on the Eastside to Westside Waterline Interconnection Project (Project) and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City is proposing to construct the infrastructure necessary to move water from the eastside of the City to the westside, primarily when westside supplies have been reduced or are otherwise less available and during peak demand scenarios. Currently the City's water system does not have a way to move a sufficient amount of water from the eastside to the westside of the City.

PROJECT LOCATION: The majority of the proposed project would be located within the City limits, with a small portion in Ventura County (see Figure 1-1). The project will be constructed in two main pipeline segments; one to bring water from the eastern most portion of the city to the midtown area (Eastside to Midtown), and one to bring the water from the midtown area to the western side (Midtown to Westside). The Eastside to Midtown pipeline would follow Foothill Road between Kimball Road and Elizabeth Road, with a small portion in Kimball Road. The Midtown to Westside pipeline would follow Telegraph Road between Ashwood Avenue and Hill Road. The Project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period for the Project begins on July 13, 2020 and ends on August 13, 2020 (a 30-day period). The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and submit written comments. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at the City of Ventura located at 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

The document can also be viewed electronically here:

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/450/Current-Environmental-Documents-for-Review>

A hardcopy of the document has also been provided at the following libraries for viewing. It is possible that at the time of this document's release to the public that the local libraries may still be closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The libraries however are accessible online (<https://www.vencolibrary.org/elibrary>) and every attempt will be made to post this document online through their respective websites.

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