

**Notice of Intent to Adopt/Notice of Availability**  
**Mitigated Negative Declaration**

To: (X) Interested Individuals

From: Valley Center Municipal Water  
District  
29300 Valley Center Road  
Valley Center, CA 92082

(X) County Clerk  
County of San Diego

(X) State Clearinghouse

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**Project Title/File No:** Pipeline Replacement Program 2020

**Project Location:** The program is comprised of 10 individual pipeline replacement and/or infrastructure improvement projects located throughout the Valley Center Municipal Water District service area.

**Project Applicant:** Valley Center Municipal Water District  
29300 Valley Center Road  
Valley Center, CA 92082

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**Project Description:** The proposed Pipeline Replacement Program has been initiated to address infrastructure deficiencies that have contributed to an increase in the number of pipe breaks and joint failures in recent years. The District has identified and prioritized the individual projects based on observed physical pipeline deterioration as well as pipe material and age. A total of 10 pipeline segments have been identified. The work would require excavation/trenching down to the existing pipe, removal of the pipe, replacement with a new pipe segment, placement of backfill and restoration of the surface. In some cases, a new alignment is proposed to avoid environmental impacts associated with removing the existing pipeline. In these cases, the new pipeline would be installed and the existing pipeline would be abandoned in place.

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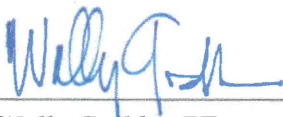
This Notice serves as the Valley Center Municipal Water District's Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Pipeline Replacement Program. The Valley Center Municipal Water District has performed a comprehensive evaluation of the potential impacts for this program in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State *CEQA Guidelines*. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration does not identify any significant effects associated with adoption and implementation of the program after implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.

As mandated by State law, the public review period for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is 30 days as the document was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review. The public comment period for this document begins on July 27, 2020 and ends on August 25, 2020.

The document is available for review at the Valley Center Municipal Water District, 29300 Valley Center Road, Valley Center, CA 92082.

A public hearing will be scheduled before the Board of Directors to receive comments on the document and adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This meeting will be separately noticed when the date and time are set.

Public input on these matters is encouraged.

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