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**NOTICE OF INTENT to adopt a  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Twin Lakes Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Upgrades Project**

**Date:** August 27, 2020

**To:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Twin Lakes Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Upgrades Project

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (District) prepared an Initial Study for the Twin Lakes Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Upgrades Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, the District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project.

**Project Location:** The project site is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County, in the northwestern San Fernando Valley. The project site is an existing water tank site, located just north of SR 118 and east of Iverson Road. The project would also install additional pumping equipment at an existing pump station located in the City of Los Angeles, within the northern portion of Chatsworth Park South, approximately 0.25 mi. west of the western terminus of Germain St. The approximate latitude/longitude of the existing water tank site is Latitude 34.278957°N, Longitude -118.612256°W.



**Project Description:** The District operates the Twin Lakes Water Tank site for storage of potable water supplies, which includes a 400,000 gallon storage tank and a 1.6 million gallon storage tank. The existing water tanks are located within an approximately 0.9-acre fenced site that is accessed from Iverson Road via an unpaved driveway. The District also operates the Twin Lakes Pump Station, located approximately 1.1 miles southwest of the water tank site, which is an approximately 0.25-acre fenced site currently developed with existing pumping equipment. The pump station facility is connected to the water tank site by an existing underground pipeline. The project would replace the smaller existing water tank with a 1.0 million gallon storage tank, for a net increase of 600,000 gallons in holding capacity, and upgrade pumping capacity of the Twin Lakes Pump Station. The purpose of the project is to provide additional storage capacity and ensure adequate pressure to serve the Deerlake Ranch residential development currently under construction approximately 0.8 miles east of the water tank



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site. Construction of the new storage tank would require grading on the site to widen the building pad and lower the elevation by approximately six feet. Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of soil materials would be exported from the site during construction. The proposed pump station upgrades would include additional pumps and associated equipment including an emergency use generator.

**Environmental Effects:** The Initial Study describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project on biological resources, cultural/paleontological resources, noise and traffic. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Other effects found to be less than significant are also described in the Initial Study.

**Public Review of the Initial Study / Proposed MND:** The 30-day public review period will commence on September 10, 2020 and conclude on October 10, 2020. An electronic version of the Initial Study may be viewed online at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's website:

<https://www.lvmwd.com/about-us/management/engineering-and-external-affairs/technical-services-planning-engineering/master-plans-and-engineering-documents>

A pdf version can also be requested by e-mailing the Project Manager, Ms. Mercedes Acevedo at [macevedo@lvmwd.com](mailto:macevedo@lvmwd.com).

Written comments may be submitted by **5:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2020**, to:

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