



City of
San Bernardino

Municipal Water Department, 397 Chandler Place, San Bernardino, CA 92408

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Vincent Well Foundation Stabilization Project**



The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (Department) is proposing to fortify the area surrounding the Vincent Well infrastructure with gabion baskets within the subsurface adjacent to the well, in a horseshoe shape encompassing approximately 0.38 acre. The well is located within the Cajon Wash, an approximately 1,000 foot-wide braided channel that originates out of the San Gabriel mountains to the north and is a tributary to Lytle Creek to the south. Over the past several years, the well infrastructure has undergone several emergency repairs due to damage from storm flows within Cajon Creek. The Project will protect the well from storm events so that it can be maintained as a viable source for City drinking water.

The Vincent Well is one of the Department's highly productive water production wells that provides water to the City. Originally constructed in the Cajon Wash in 1929 by the Muscoy Water Company, it was acquired by the Department in 1949, and redeveloped in the same location in 1968 and 1982.

The current Project construction will occur at the well site and within approximately 20 feet of the existing well infrastructure. Access to the proposed Project site will be via an existing graded, unimproved access road that provides access from the west side of Cajon Boulevard through the wash, to the Vincent Well. The stockpile location is an approximate 2-acre upland area located approximately 1,700 feet northeast of the well construction site.

The Department has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to detail 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 Department's website: <https://sbmwd.org/188/Water-Board>

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. Following the close of the public comment period, the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department 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 December 11, 2020:**

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The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department Water Board will consider this document for approval and certification during a future public hearing.