

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Lead Agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Lead Agency:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA)
Project Name:	Deane Tank Site Expansion Project
Project Description:	<p>The proposed Project would include the construction of a new water storage tank that would provide additional water storage capacity for fire protection, emergency and operational needs at the Deane Pressure Zone, which is deficient in storage by 4.22 million gallons (MG), as of 2013. New developments within the Deane Pressure Zone will increase the existing deficiency to 5.74 MG. New developments within the Deane Pressure Zone include the Skyline Ranch development, which requires an additional 0.87 MG of water demand, and the Sand Canyon Plaza development, which requires 0.65 MG of water demand. The proposed Project includes the construction of a new aboveground steel water storage tank with approximately 1.70 MG of storage capacity to address the recent developments.</p> <p>As part of the proposed Project, other infrastructure-related components include: the installation of new underground water piping and electrical lines and the relocation of existing utilities; a 20-foot-wide asphalt paved access road adjacent to each tank; a new drainage system around the proposed tank and along the access roadway; retaining walls; and an extra fill pad to assist with balancing earthwork on site. An optional access road may be constructed north of the Project Site that would connect the Project Site to the College of Canyons property to the north and downslope of the hilltop.</p>
Project Location:	The proposed Project would be located on the Deane Zone hilltop site (Project Site) within Accessor Parcel Number (APN) 2839-002-902, which is west of Winterdale Drive and south of Sierra Highway. The rectangular APN parcel is approximately 6.7 acres in size, with access to the existing water tank site provided through a paved roadway located west of Winterdale Drive near the intersection of Nearview Drive.
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide 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 type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency.	
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review online at https://yourscvwater.com/document-library/ and at the Lead Agency's office, see below.	
Lead Agency Address:	27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350
The review period for this project starts January 6, 2021 Comments will be received until February 5, 2021. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested. The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:	
Date:	Tentatively Scheduled on February 16, or later
Time:	6:30 PM
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.	

Date Received _____

for Filing: _____

(Clerk stamp here)



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