



**Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
(State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)**

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Subject: Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in Compliance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Applicant: South Coast Water District

Proposed Project: South Coast Water District Lift Station No. 2 Replacement Project.

The South Coast Water District (District) proposes to replace Lift Station No. 2 that was originally constructed in 1953 with a new lift station along Country Club Drive in the City of Laguna Beach. In addition to the new lift station, the Project includes: the demolition of the existing lift station and facilities; the permanent realignment of a 1,000-foot section of Country Club Drive; the replacement of existing drainage outlet into Aliso Creek; installation of a new odor control scrubber; and, an intertie to connect the SCWD and City sewer pipelines to provide backup sewer capacity in emergency situations. The Project site encompasses approximately 1.2 acres along Country Club Drive in the City of Laguna Beach in southwestern Orange County. The Project site is located north of Aliso Creek, about 20 feet above mean sea level (amsl), approximately 750 feet east of the coast and 300 feet east of Coast Highway.

Potential Environmental Effects: The Project has the potential for environmental impacts. An Initial Study has been prepared that describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project. Prior to the implementation of the proposed Project, the potential significant environmental effects are air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. It has been determined that with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, the Project would not result in any significant adverse environmental effects. The Project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review: The District has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration which will be considered for deliberation by the District's Board of Directors on April 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Comments from members of the public or other interested parties on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be received by the District from **February 25, 2021 through March 29, 2021**. Written comments shall be directed to the contact person listed below. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration which includes the CEQA Checklist and discussions of impacts are available for review at the District's website (www.scwd.org).

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