

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW
AND
INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(State Guidelines §15072)**

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

Proposed Project: JRWSS Crown Valley Water Pipeline Relocation, Laguna Niguel, California.

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Approximately 2,000 linear feet of the JRWSS in the City of Laguna Niguel (“City”) is within a 25-foot easement in a residential area. The section of the JRWSS 36-inch diameter concrete cylinder pipe (CCP) being abandoned needs upgrading and is difficult to access for maintenance or repair. The intent of this project is to construct a replacement segment in Crown Valley Parkway and safely abandon the existing pipeline segment in place. The relocated section of pipe will be approximately 2,350 linear feet in length.

Potential Environmental Effects: Construction of the project has the potential for impacts to traffic on local roadways, interference with emergency or evacuation routes for some residences, temporary noise impacts to residences, and surface runoff water quality. An Initial Study has been prepared that describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and it has been determined that the project would not result in any significant adverse environmental effects if mitigation measures are implemented.

Presence of Property on any List Enumerated Under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code: The property is not listed on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) list compiled by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Public Review: The District has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration which will be considered for approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors of SCWD at its meeting to be held on May 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the District’s office at 31592 West Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651-6907. Comments from members of the public or other interested parties on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be received by the District from March 19 through April 19, 2021. Written comments should be directed to the contact person listed below. Copies of the initial study, checklist and discussion of impacts are available for review at the address shown below.

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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(State Guidelines §15071)

South Coast Water District
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Project Name: JWRSS Crown Valley Water Pipeline Relocation, Laguna Niguel and Dana Point, California.

Project Location (specific): The replacement water main would be constructed within the right-of-way of Camino Del Avion and Street of the Golden Lantern, as shown in Figure 1.

Project Location: City of Laguna Niguel; County of Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: JWRSS Crown Valley Water Pipeline Relocation, Laguna Niguel, California.

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Determination: The District has prepared an Initial Study for the Project. Based on the Initial Study and substantial evidence in the record, the District Staff finds that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures have been added to the Project and a Mitigation and Monitoring Plan will be implemented (Attachment A).

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Title: General Manager
South Coast Water District

Date

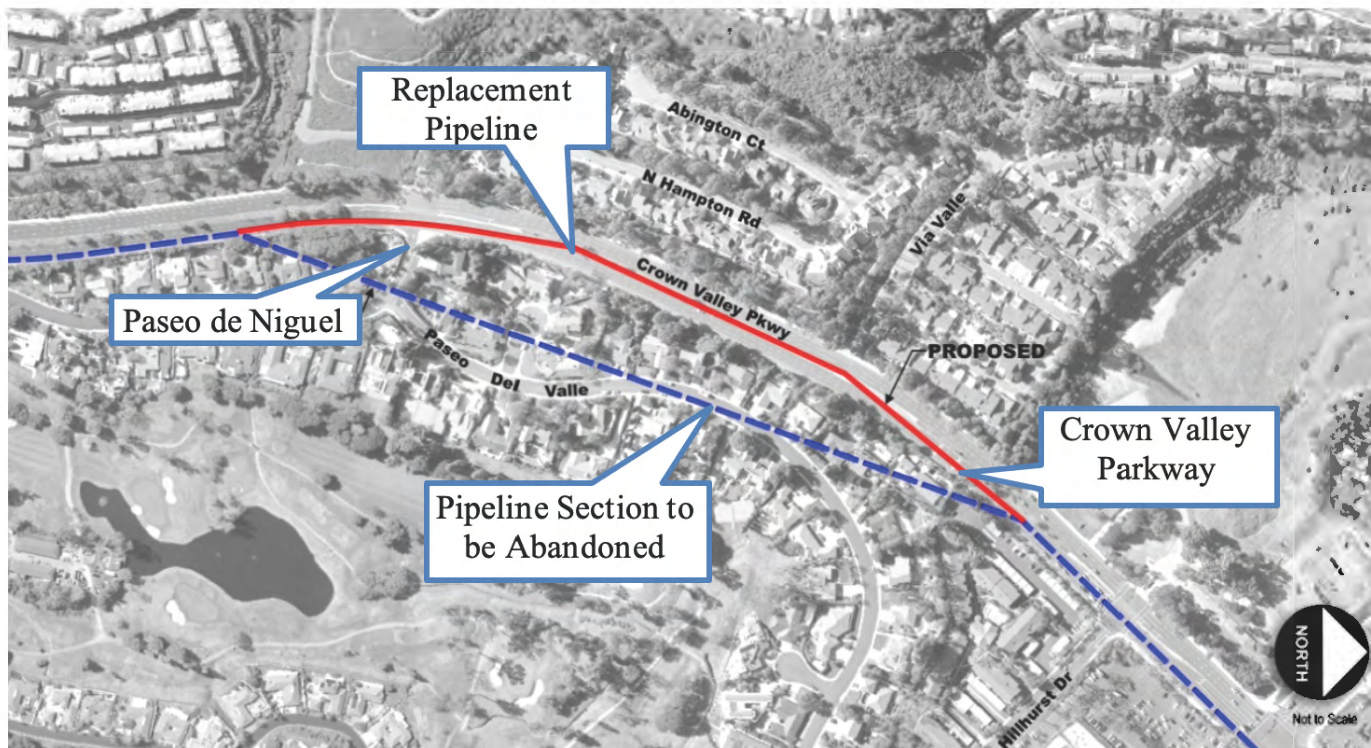


Figure 1. Location of existing and proposed realignment water pipeline on Crown Valley Parkway, City of Laguna Niguel.

ATTACHMENT B
Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Program

Mitigation Measures	Timing of Implementation	Implementing Action	Responsible Party
<p>Mitigation Measure: AQ-1. The District must include in the construction contract standard specifications requiring the General Contractor to limit vehicle idling as much as possible. On-road vehicles with a gross vehicular weight rating of 10,000 pounds or greater must not idle for longer than five minutes at any location as required by Section 2485 of Title 13, Division 3, Chapter 10, Article 1 of the California Code of Regulations. This restriction does not apply when vehicles remain motionless during traffic or when vehicles are queuing. Off-road equipment engines must not idle for longer than five minutes per Section 2449(d)(3) of Title 13, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 4.8 of the California Code of Regulations. Exceptions to this rule include the following: idling when queuing; idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition; idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes; idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane); idling required to bring the machine to operating temperature as specified by the manufacturer; and idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.</p>	<p>Prior to construction and during construction.</p>	<p>Incorporation of mitigation measures into a fugitive dust control plan.</p>	<p>Construction Contractor (preparation and implementation); SCWD Project Manager (approval and periodic inspections)</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure: AQ-2. The District must include in the construction contract standard specifications that, in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403, excessive fugitive dust emissions must be controlled by regular watering or other dust preventive measures, as specified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rules and Regulations. In addition, SCAQMD Rule 402 requires implementation of dust suppression techniques to prevent fugitive dust from creating a nuisance off-site. Implementation of the following measures will reduce short-term fugitive dust impacts on nearby sensitive receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All active areas of the construction site must be watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust; ○ On-site vehicles speed must be limited to 15 miles per hour (mph); ○ All material excavated or graded must be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust; watering, with complete coverage, must occur at least twice daily, preferably in the late morning and after work is done for the day; ○ If dust is visibly generated that travels beyond the construction site boundaries, activities that are generating dust must cease until dust carrying winds have abated or construction methods have been changed to prevent dust traveling beyond the site boundary; and, ○ All material transported off site must be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust. 	<p>During construction</p>	<p>Certification that construction equipment complies with mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Construction Contractor (preparation and implementation); SCWD Project Manager (approval and periodic inspections)</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure WATER-1. The construction contractor will be responsible for installation, inspection, continual maintenance, and removal of sedimentation control devices in accordance with temporary erosion and sedimentation control plan that will be prepared by the construction contractor. The plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require placement of sediment control best management practices near the Project and at the nearest catch basin(s) during excavations and any other construction activity that may result in material of any kind being deposited in the public right-of-way; • Require placement of plastic tarps or other containment under all stationary equipment to 	<p>Prior to construction and during construction.</p>	<p>Incorporation of mitigation measures into a temporary erosion and sedimentation control plan.</p>	<p>Construction Contractor (preparation and implementation); SCWD Project Manager (approval and periodic inspections)</p>

<p>prevent oil, hydraulic fluid and other materials from getting on the street and into the storm drain system; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict the placement of any stored materials, dirt, debris, or sand in the public right-of-way at any time. 			
<p>Mitigation Measure TRAFFIC-1: The construction contractor will prepare a traffic plan and will be responsible for installation, inspection, and continual maintenance of traffic controls as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paseo del Niguel – This residential road provides one-way access from Crown Valley parkway to residences on Paseo Del Niguel and Paseo de Valle. Project construction may require temporary closure of the access from Crown Valley Parkway during abandonment of the existing pipeline. Alternative access to Paseo del Niguel and Paseo de Valle via Hillhurst Drive and Paseo del Campo must remain open. ○ Paseo de Valle – Construction activities may require a lane closure on this two-lane residential road. The traffic plan will maintain a minimum of one lane of traffic during working hours and require the presence of flag persons when only one lane is available for traffic. ○ Crown Valley Parkway- This highway has three traffic lanes and a bike lane in each direction; only northbound traffic will be impacted by the Project. The traffic plan will maintain a minimum of one lane of northbound traffic during working hours. ○ All other Project side streets - Maintain local and emergency access at all times. All private driveways and side streets must be kept open at all times except when construction takes place directly in front of the driveway or side street. All open excavations on public streets must be backfilled or steel plated for traffic during non-working hours. Traffic and roadways must be restored to normal conditions during nonworking hours and on weekends. 	<p>Prior to construction and during construction.</p>	<p>Preparation of a traffic control plan that includes the mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Construction Contractor (preparation and implementation);</p> <p>SCWD Project Manager (approval and periodic inspections)</p>