

**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.

The Joint Regional Water Supply System (JRWSS) transmission main is a water pipeline that was constructed in 1961 to convey potable water from a Metropolitan Water District connection in Irvine, California to Bradt Reservoir and Schlegel Reservoir in San Clemente, California. Collectively, these facilities comprise the JRWSS and are contract operated by South Coast Water District (“District”).

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.

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. Meeting details can be found at:

<https://scwd.org/about/governance/agendasminutes.htm>).

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 on the District’s website https://www.scwd.org/depts/engineering/projects/water_supply_projects/default.htm and at the address shown below.

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