



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period commencing December 19, 2022 and concluding on January 18, 2023.

Project Title: Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Project

Project Location: The project site is located in the unincorporated southwestern portion of Ventura County and the unincorporated southeastern portion of Santa Barbara County and is approximately 0.3 mile east of the city of Carpinteria. The western terminus of the pipeline is located at 6858 Casitas Pass Road, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 001-101-047 and 001-200-006 in Santa Barbara County. The proposed pipeline alignment abuts and at points traverses Santa Barbara APNs 001-090-035, 001-200-020, 001-200-006, 001-101-040, 001-101-041, 001-101-042, 001-101-043, 001-101-046, 001-101-047, 001-101-048, 001-200-029, 001-200-009; and Ventura County APNs 008-016-035, 008-016-046, 008-016-048, 008-016-041, and 008-016-036. Booster Pump Station A is located at APN 008-016-041. Booster Pump Station B is located at APN 008-019-010. Proposed infrastructure improvement areas are located along the Rincon Main Pipeline (APNs 008-016-036 and 008-021-022) and at Rincon Control Reservoir (APN 008-018-017), Chlorination Station (APNs 008-019-016 and 008-019-037), Rincon Vents (APN 060-021-011), and Rincon Pump Plant (APN 060-022-001) near Lake Casitas. Figure 1 shows the project site in the regional context. Figure 2 shows an overview of the project sites.

Brief Project Description:

The Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie (proposed project) involves the construction and operation of potable water infrastructure to connect the CMWD and Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) water transmission systems. The proposed project includes between approximately 7,100 linear feet (LF; 1.3 miles) of 16-inch-diameter potable water pipeline, two booster pump stations, replacement of select portions of the existing Rincon Main Pipeline, and improvements to infrastructure at other existing CMWD facilities. The pipeline would traverse the boundary between Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and act as a two-way intertie to allow the transfer of water between CMWD and CVWD, as necessary. The project site traverses State Routes 192 and 150, both of which are under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation.

Based on a review of the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database and California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database, it was determined the pipeline alignment, booster pump station location sites, and infrastructure improvement areas are not included on existing lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Meeting: All interested persons may attend the public hearing by the CMWD Board of Directors, which is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 PM on March 22, 2023 at the District Office located at 1055 Ventura Avenue,

Oak View, CA 93022. Interested persons may alternatively attend via Zoom or telephone. Please check the Board Meeting agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details:

<https://www.casitaswater.org/about-us/board-of-directors>

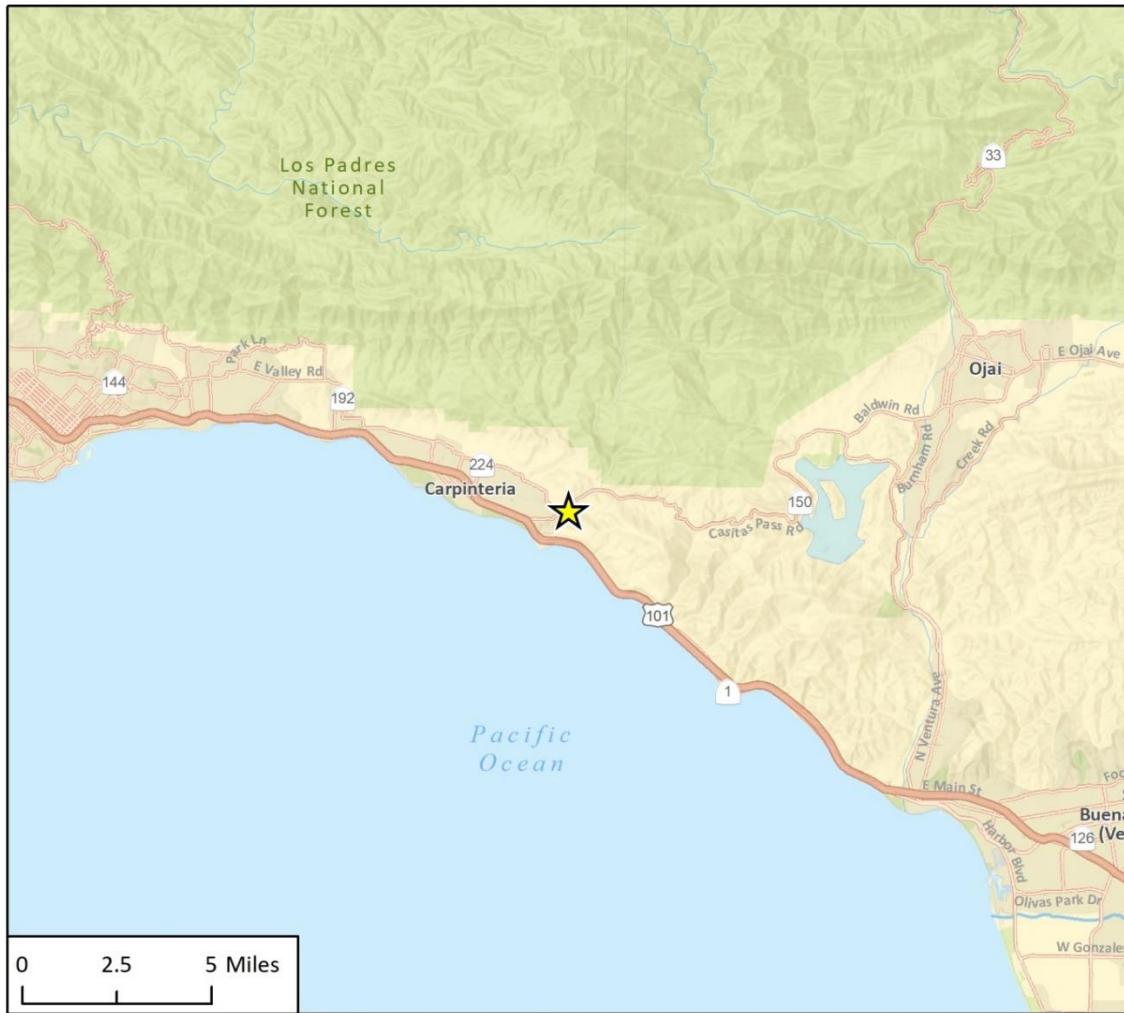
30-Day Document Review: The document is available for review online at:

<https://www.casitaswater.org/about-us/engineering/engineering-reports-and-master-plans>. If a hard copy review is required, contact Julia Aranda at the email address provided below.

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted via email or physical mail to Julia Aranda, Engineering Manager, Casitas Municipal Water District, with the subject line “Public Comment: VTA-SB Counties Intertie Project.” Contact information as follows:

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Figure 1 Regional Project Location



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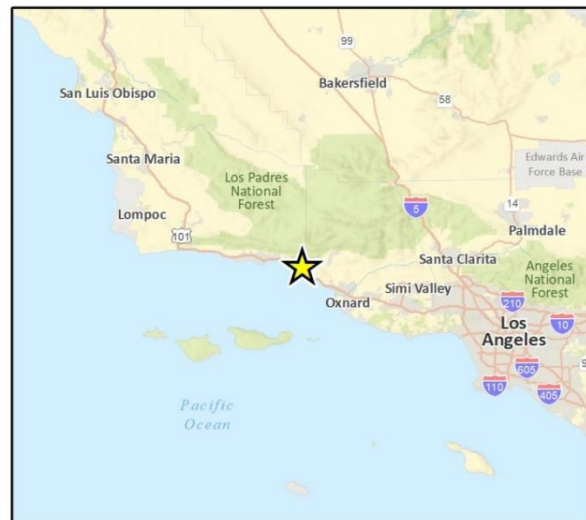


Fig. 1. Regional Location 20190907

Figure 2 Overview of Project Site



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Fig 2 Project Overview - Revised 2022