

**MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To: Office of Planning & Research**  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Mission Springs Water District  
66575 Second Street  
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

and

Riverside County, County Clerk  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

**Project Title:** MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT VISTA RESERVOIR NO. 2 PROJECT

**SCH Number:** To be assigned

**Project Location:** The project is located along Valencia Drive in the City of Desert Hot Springs. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Seven Palms Valley, CA, and is located in Section 19, Township 2 South and Range 5 East. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 33.983003°, -116.493301°. Refer to Figures 1 and 2 for the regional and site location maps

**Project Description:** Mission Springs Water District (MSWD or District) is proposing to develop a second reservoir at the exiting Vista Reservoir site. The existing Vista Reservoir site is approximately 1.23 acres and is surrounded by mountain terrain consisting of mild to steep slopes and an earthen driveway up to the existing 300,000-gallon reservoir pad at 1,609 feet in elevation. The existing reservoir is connected to two different pressure zones via a 10-inch waterline and a hydropneumatic station with a 4-inch waterline.

The proposed Vista Reservoir No. 2 Project includes a new 300,000-gallon reservoir approximately 30 feet northwest of the existing reservoir. Ultimately the installation of the new 300,000-gallon reservoir at the Vista Reservoir site will require installation of the following: retaining walls and hillside slope stabilization, stormwater management BMPs, installation of a new access road, relocation of the existing hydropneumatic station and the electrical cabinet, grading, wrought iron and chain link fence, and a new 300,000-gallon welded steel water storage reservoir and related piping. Design and construction of the Project is anticipated to be completed in approximately 6 months. Construction is anticipated to start in the third quarter of 2021.

**Project Sponsor(s):** Mission Springs Water District

The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.


The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:

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- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
- (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

Since the State has issued an Executive Order during the threat of COVID-19 and the MSWD Offices may be closed to the public; a copy of the Initial Study will be available at the MSWD Offices (66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240), electronically at their website, and may also be obtained by contacting Tom Dodson & Associates at (909) 882-3612.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on May 5, 2021 and ends on June 4, 2021.

	Director of Engineering and Operations	April 29, 2021
Signature	Title	Date

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Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- OPR