

# MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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**Project Title:** Areas H and I Sewer Improvement Project

**State Clearinghouse Number:** Not yet assigned

**Project Location:** The MSWD service area is located in southern California within the northwestern portion of the Coachella Valley. The project will occur within various roadways generally located south of Desert View Avenue, west of Mountain View Road, and east of Miracle Hill Road. The southern boundary of the project site is about a half mile south of Hacienda Avenue. The roadways within which the proposed sewer improvements will be located include:

- Agua Cayendo Road
- Cuando Way
- Oro Lomo Street
- Suerte Way
- Tunitas Road
- Eliseo Road
- Miracle Hill Road
- Cerrita Way
- Pequena Drive
- Cielo Azul Way
- Loma Vista Road
- Hidalgo Street
- Hermano Way
- Inaja Street
- Quinta Way
- Monterico Road
- Alameda Drive
- Arena Blanca Road
- Oris Drive
- Key Way
- Monterey Road

The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Seven Palms Valley, CA, and is located in Section 33, Township 2 South and Range 5 East. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 33.95020°, -116.48380°.

**Project Description:** The District developed a Groundwater Quality Protection Program (GQPP) to protect and preserve the quality of its most valuable natural resource, groundwater. The overall GQPP is designed to protect groundwater quality from degradation by discharges from septic tank leach-fields.

MSWD proposes to construct 30,000 lineal feet of new sewer pipeline that would be 8-inch in size within GQPP Sub Areas H and I of the District's service area, within an area of approximately 220 acres. The installation of this new sewer pipeline would convert areas within MSWD's service area from septic system to a sewer system. This project pertains to Sub Areas H and I and would install the pipeline required to connect 678 parcels to the MSWD sewer system and abate over 468 on-site septic systems.

**Finding:** The Mission Springs Water District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the City has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

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**Initial Study:** 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 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins May 19, 2021 and ends June 17, 2021. Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting their written comments before June 17, 2021. Comments should be sent to Danny Friend at the Mission Springs Water District's office at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. For additional information, Mr. Friend may be contacted at [dfriend@mswd.org](mailto:dfriend@mswd.org)

**Mitigation Measures:** All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 68-71 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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