

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

SUBJECT: Booster Station 5513W/5514 Improvements and Reservoir 5514-2 Construction Project

NOTICE is GIVEN that Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Booster Station 5513W/5514 Improvements and Reservoir 5514-2 construction project. The Initial Study (IS) prepared for the proposed project identifies potentially adverse effects of the project and includes mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts to less than significant. Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review and inspection at CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211 and on the CVWD's website at: www.cvwd.org.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: September 29, 2021 – October 29, 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is located in the Thunderbird Heights community of the city of Rancho Mirage along Thunderbird Road. The project consists of two CVWD-owned sites (Site 5513 and Site 5514) that total three parcels: APN 690-070-008, APN 690-190-001, and APN 690-190-002. The project proposes domestic water system improvements to alleviate water storage deficiencies and increase water storage capacity, reliability, and efficiency within the CVWD water distribution system. The project proposes the construction of a new steel domestic water tank (referred to as Reservoir 5514-2) at Site 5514. To accommodate placement of Reservoir 5514-2, the existing Booster Station 5514 would be demolished and relocated to Site 5513 (in which the booster station would be renamed Booster Station 5513-W). Additionally, approximately 600 linear feet of pipeline would be placed within Thunderbird Road to replace an existing pipe segment and accommodate the Booster Station 5514 relocation.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the CVWD invites members of the public to review and comment on the IS/MND. Written comments may be submitted to: William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: wpatterson@cvwd.org. The project will be heard at the December 7, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors meeting. Meetings are typically held at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, located at 75-515 Hovley Lane East in Palm Desert, California, 92211. In an effort to protect public health, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and because state and/or local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing, the public may view the Board meeting online or virtually. The meeting will be streamed live on the District's website at: www.cvwd.org/151/Board-Agendas. Members of the public may provide comments in-person at the meeting or via Zoom.