

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

SUBJECT: Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation 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 Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation 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 eastern Coachella Valley area of Riverside County, California near the unincorporated community of Thermal along Desert Cactus Drive and Fillmore Street between Airport Boulevard and Avenue 57. The project area is south of Avenue 55, west of Pierce Street, north of Avenue 58, and east of State Route 111. The project would connect 13 privately owned small water systems (SWS) currently reliant on septic systems to the CVWD sanitary sewer system and is necessary to address public health concerns in local disadvantaged communities associated with inadequate, failing, or aging SWSs. The majority of SWSs that would be served by the proposed project have septic systems that are nearing the end of their expected utility and need to be replaced. The project proposes the construction of a new sewer lift station and approximately 17,700 linear feet of new sewer mains, as well as sewer laterals and onsite service lines, to add 174 connections to CVWD's existing sanitary sewer system. It will also include a crossing of the railroad, SR 111, and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. The project consists of 13 SWS and a total of 16 parcels: Campos MHP (APN: 757-080-018), De Leon Ranch (APN: 763-370-026), Desert View MHP (APN: 757-070-022), Durans Farms (APN: 757-110-020), Leon Housing (APN: 757-110-025), Luciano Valenzuela (APN: 757-100-009), Magdaleno Lopez Water System (757-070-049; 757-070-034; 757-070-045; 757-070-041), Meza's Ranch (APN: 757-080-021), Oscar Cruz Water System (APN: 757-140-009), Soto Water (APN: 763-370-009), Valley View MHP (APN: 757-100-015), Villa de Josue MHP (APN: 757-110-023) and Vista Norte Estates (APN: 757-100-013).

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 a future publicly advertised 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; however, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, CVWD offices are closed to the public and Board of Directors meetings are live-streamed from CVWD's website at www.cvwd.org.