

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



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From: Yucaipa Valley Water
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Date: October 8, 2021

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD) hereby gives notice that a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Oak Valley-Summerwind Offsite Sewer Project is available for review and comment.

PROJECT TITLE: Oak Valley-Summerwind Offsite Sewer Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project Site is predominately located in the City of Calimesa, with a small portion located within the City of Yucaipa. The Project would be located in Sections 14, 15, and 23 of Township 2 South, Range 2 West of the Yucaipa and El Casco, California USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps. The Project is located approximately five miles northwest of the junction of I-10 and Highway 60. The northern portion of the Project is located within existing public road right-of-way and is surrounded on all sides by open space and low-density residential and commercial land uses. The southern portion of the Project (south of Sandalwood Drive) is located outside of the public road right-of-way. This portion is bordered by open space to the west and the I-10 freeway to the east. The entire Project Area consists of approximately 29 acres.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: YVWD proposes to construct 14,600 linear feet of 10-inch and 12-inch parallel force mains and 9,500 linear feet of 18- to 21-inch gravity sewer main connecting the Summerwind Ranch residential development in the City of Calimesa to the existing Wochholz Regional Water Recycling Facility (WRWRF) in the City of Yucaipa.

The majority of the sewer force mains and gravity sewer will be constructed within public road right-of-way. However, that portion of the alignment starting at the north boundary of New Roberts Road until it reaches Sandalwood Drive is located within undeveloped private property that would require property dedications to YVWD to both construct and maintain the force mains. Construction of the pipeline alignment within the public road right-of-way would include trenches approximately five feet wide. A 20-foot-wide working zone would be required for spoil piles and equipment. Construction along the pipeline alignment outside of the public road right-of-way (south of Sandalwood Drive) would require an average width of 50 feet. It is anticipated that construction would take eight months and would occur in 2022.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Initial Study/MND was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study/MND found that the environmental effects from the project would be less than significant with the incorporation of standard conditions and mitigation measures.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Begins: October 8, 2021

Ends: November 8, 2021

LOCATION WHERE DOCUMENT CAN BE REVIEWED: The Initial Study, Draft MND and supporting documents are available for review and comment during normal business hours at the following location: Yucaipa Valley Water District, 12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

10/5/2021

Date

Handwritten signature of Joseph Zoba in blue ink.

Joseph Zoba, General Manager