

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



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From: Yucaipa Valley Water District
12770 Second Street
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Date: August 15, 2023

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 Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/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 Revised Alignment would span Sections 14 and 23 of Township 2 South, Range 2 West of the El Casco, California USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map. The project alignment north of Sandalwood Drive, approved previously in 2021, would remain the same. The Revised Alignment would cross Garden Air Creek approximately 1,000 feet west of the approved alignment, using the same or similar jack and bore method. Traveling north approximately 1,165 feet, the alignment would then be constructed within the existing Shady Brook Road for approximately 1,350 feet to Sandalwood Drive, where it would continue to the Wochholz Regional Water Recycling Facility (WRWRF) along the alignment approved in 2021. The Revised Alignment would be located exclusively within the City of Calimesa, south of Sandalwood Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project would construct an approximately 2,500-foot-long segment of parallel 10- and 12-inch force mains that would connect to the sanitary sewer alignment described in the prior IS/MND at Sandalwood Drive. This sewer force main would connect the future Oak Valley/Summerwind Ranch residential development to the WRWRF. The utility construction within Specific Plan Roads is covered by the Mesa Verde Estates Specific Plan EIR. When the developer installs Roberts Road as part of the Mesa Verde Estates Specific Plan development, the ultimate alignment of the sewer force main will be attached to the vehicle bridge across Garden Air Creek and within the new Roberts Road from Shady Brook Road to Sandalwood Drive. The project described by the prior IS/MND is located in the cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California. Revisions to the prior IS/MND would only modify those portions of the 2021 alignment located within the City of Calimesa, south of Sandalwood Drive where pipeline installation would occur within undeveloped land west of I-10. The new proposal assumes a disturbance area of 100 feet on each side of the pipeline alignment (total of 200 feet) until the alignment enters Shady Brook Road and then a 50-foot area of disturbance (25 feet on each side of the pipeline alignment) within Shady Brook Road. The 2021 approved alignment encompasses 29.15 acres and the proposed Revised Alignment encompasses 28.5 acres.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Supplemental Initial Study/MND was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Supplemental 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: August 15, 2023

Ends: September 14, 2023

LOCATION WHERE DOCUMENT CAN BE REVIEWED: The Initial Study, Supplemental MND, and supporting documents are available for review and comment during normal business hours at the following location: Yucaipa Valley Water District, 127700 Second Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399 and online at www.yvwd.us

Date

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