

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vallecitos Water District (District) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Failsafe Outfall and Emergency Bypass Pipeline Phase II Project (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Name: Failsafe Outfall and Emergency Bypass Pipeline Phase II Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located between Melrose Drive and Paseo Privado in the city of Carlsbad. It is situated within Sections 19 and 20, Township 12 South, Range 3 West on the USGS 7.5-minute Rancho Santa Fe quadrangle. The project is located along a District easement situated primarily on a graded fill slope that was manufactured in association with the adjacent developments and roads. The land to the north and east of the project location is otherwise undeveloped.

Project Description: The proposed project would rehabilitate approximately 1,060 feet of existing 16-inch reinforced plastic mortar sewer pipeline with a cured-in-place pipe liner, replace necessary control valves and appurtenances to operate the line, and provide new access locations at incremental lengths along the alignment. The pipeline would be accessed by digging two access pits: one within Melrose Drive and the adjacent parking lot, and one within the District easement approximately 65 feet east of Melrose Drive. Equipment, vehicles, and personnel would access the work area from Melrose Drive and the existing paved access road that runs from Melrose Drive to Paseo Privado. Equipment staging would occur within the graded access road south of the District easement. Minor grading may be required to reach the eastern access pit from the graded access road. Any spoils would be stored within existing disturbed or developed areas, or within the District easement, uphill from the access pits.

Findings: Pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and based on information contained in the attached Initial Study Checklist, the VWD has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The project would include potentially significant unless mitigated impacts to Biological Resources. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 would mitigate Group F vegetation community (disturbed habitat) at a ratio of 1:1 through revegetation with a native sage scrub seed mix. Mitigation Measure BIO-2 would reduce impacts through implementation of construction measures.

Public Review: The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at: 201 Vallecitos De Oro, San Marcos, CA 92069 and on the District's website at:

<https://www.vwd.org/departments/engineering/capital-facilities/capital-facilities-updates-and-notices>.

Written comments will be accepted from October 13, 2021, to November 15, 2021. Any person wishing to comment on the adequacy of these documents must submit comments in writing to the following address:

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Comments can also be emailed to Ryan Morgan at: rmorgan@vwd.org