



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

ACTIVATION OF LATENT SEWER COLLECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY PROJECT

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Individuals

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Project Title: Activation of Latent Sewer Collection Service Authority Project (Project)

Lead Agency: Monte Vista Water District (MVWD)

Project Description: The Project would encompass portions of the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino (County) comprised of the majority of the unincorporated spheres of influence of the cities of Chino and Montclair (hereinafter referred to as the Service Area) located in the westernmost portion of the County. The Project is the proposed activation of MVWD's latent powers to provide sewer collection services to the Service Area in which MVWD currently provides community potable water system services. The cities of Chino and Montclair are currently authorized to provide sewer services in the Service Area either by annexation or by agreement to provide service outside their respective city limits.

The eventual construction of local sewer collection facilities is a reasonably foreseeable effect of MVWD's Project to activate its latent powers, but (with limited exceptions) MVWD cannot yet determine the specifics of the future provision of these sewer collection facilities because this depends on future demand for service. There is currently one project in the Service Area that has requested sewer collection service by MVWD and is considered reasonably foreseeable. The Yorba Villas project is within the City of Chino's unincorporated sphere of influence and proposes 39 single-family dwelling units on 13.35 acres (Borstein project). Additionally, MVWD is aware of a proposed project that may request sewer collection service by MVWD, which is in Chino's sphere of influence and proposes 18 single-family dwelling units on 5 acres (Cramer project). Local sewer collection facilities would primarily include pipelines and manholes and may include pump stations. Aboveground facilities may include manhole covers and metal cabinets to house the pump station facility, with a control panel, minimal courtesy lighting, and electrical connection on a fenced concrete pad (generally about 10 feet by 15 feet). A backup power generator may be included or a provision for a temporary, portable generator. The Service Area is not identified on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese list).

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) currently owns the existing regional infrastructure. MVWD's sewer collection service would only include areas within the limits of IEUA's regional infrastructure; therefore, IEUA's planning studies for sewer collection service have included the MVWD Service Area. Accordingly, the environmental analysis of MVWD's buildout of local sewer collection service throughout the Service Area, including septic system conversions and the Borstein and Cramer projects, is tiered from the *IEUA Facilities Master Plans Final Program Environmental Impact Report* (State Clearinghouse No. 2016061064) (IEUA PEIR), which was certified by the IEUA Board of Directors in 2017.

Public Review Period: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 through Thursday, February 24, 2022

Submitting Comments: In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this notice is to inform public agencies and the general public that MVWD, as the Lead Agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and that a 30-day public review period will begin on January 26, 2022. The IS/MND can be viewed online at <https://www.mvwd.org/364/Sewer-Service-Feasibility-Study> (search under "Related Documents" heading), and the IEUA PEIR can be viewed online at https://18x37n2ovtbb3434n48jhbs1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Program-Environmental-Impact-Report-Document-March-2017_Volume-1.pdf. Hard copies of the IS/MND and the IEUA PEIR are available for public review during regular business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at MVWD headquarters: Monte Vista Water District, 10575 Central Avenue, Montclair, CA 91763.

Please submit written comments either via e-mail to BSchwartz@mvwd.org or via mail to:

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Written comments on the IS/MND should focus on environmental issues and must be received by **February 24, 2022**. All written comments received by February 24, 2022 will be considered before the IS/MND and its Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is adopted and the Project is approved by MVWD's Board of Directors. A public meeting of MVWD's Board of Directors to take action on the IS/MND will be held following public notification of the hearing on the MVWD's website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place at MVWD's headquarters (see address above) on alternating Wednesdays.