



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDENDUM
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 and Consideration of an Addendum

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

Lead Agency: Monte Vista Water District (MVWD)

Public Review Period: **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 through Thursday, April 13, 2023.**

Project Description: 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 Project would encompass a portion of the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino (County) comprised of a part of the unincorporated City of Chino sphere of influence (Service Area).

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) currently owns the existing regional sewer infrastructure. MVWD’s sewer collection service would only include areas within the limits of IEUA regional infrastructure. 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. IEUA’s planning studies for sewer collection service have included the proposed MVWD Service Area. The environmental analysis of MVWD’s buildout of local sewer collection service throughout the Service Area, including septic system conversions, is tiered from the *IEUA Facilities Master Plans Final Program Environmental Impact Report* (State Clearinghouse No. 2016061064), which was certified by the IEUA Board of Directors in 2017. The Service Area is not identified on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese list).

The IS/MND also serves as an addendum to and incorporates by reference the *Yorba Villas Residential Project Final Environmental Impact Report* (Yorba Villas EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2021060049), which was certified by the County on October 4, 2022 and identifies MVWD as a Responsible Agency. The Yorba Villas project applicant has requested sewer collection service by MVWD and is sufficiently developed in its planning to be considered reasonably foreseeable (Section 15064[d], Section 15144 of the State CEQA Guidelines). The Yorba Villas’ project applicant has received certification of the Yorba Villas EIR and approval of the project from the County to develop the 13.35-acre site with 45 single-family homes. The planned sewer service for the Yorba Villas project would involve new 8-inch sewer lines in the project’s internal roadways and each proposed residential lot would stub out to an 8-inch line. These sewer lines would connect to a pump station located in the southeast portion of that site that would convey wastewater south to an approximately 123-foot, 4-inch force main in the northern public right-of-way (ROW) of Francis Avenue. This force main would flow east on Francis Avenue and connect to IEUA’s existing 21-inch Regional Sewage System trunk line in the Yorba Avenue ROW. The 4-inch force main in the Francis Avenue ROW would be annexed to MVWD for long-term operation and maintenance, if authority to provide local sewer collection services is approved.

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), including the addendum, and that a 30-day public review period will begin on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 and end on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The IS/MND, IEUA PEIR, and Yorba Villas EIR can be viewed online at <https://www.mvwd.org/sewerstudy> (search under “Related Documents” heading). Hard copies of the IS/MND, IEUA PEIR, and Yorba Villas EIR 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:

Bill Schwartz, Monte Vista Water District, 10575 Central Avenue, Montclair, CA 91763

Written comments on the IS/MND should focus on environmental issues and must be received by **Thursday, April 13, 2023**. All written comments received by April 13, 2023, will be considered before the IS/MND, including the addendum, 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, or a special meeting may be held with appropriate notice.