

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the California Department of State Hospitals has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Patton State Hospital Waterline Replacement Project**.

Project Location: The project site is located within the boundaries of the City of San Bernardino and is addressed 3102 Highland Avenue, Patton, CA 92369. The waterline replacement would take place in the northeastern portion of Patton State Hospital.

Project Description: Patton State Hospital proposes to replace an existing 14-inch diameter, 115-foot-long waterline due to leakage. The waterline replacement would take place in the northeast one-third of the hospital where a solar field, a collection of multiple solar panels that generate electricity as a system, currently exists. The existing waterline is located just north of the eastern portion of the solar field and runs diagonally across the western portion of the solar field. The new 16-inch diameter waterline would extend approximately 165 feet and be installed from two existing reduced pressure double detector check (DDCV) and CLA-VAL pressure reducing valve assemblies. The new waterline would need to cross the southern portion of an existing, non-jurisdictional north/south drainage located in between the solar field. The Project would also replace one high flow DDCV assembly with a 3-inch low flow assembly to stabilize water system pressure swings. The Project also involves improvements to the West and East Loop pressure reducing valve (PRV) stations to help stabilize the water system pressure swings.

The new waterline would be buried in a new approximately 5-6-foot-deep trench beginning at the west side of Orange Avenue and extending west to the facility water system manifold. Fencing, concrete, and asphalt along the new water line alignment would be removed and replaced as needed. The new pipe would be covered with sand and the trenching would be backfilled with compacted soil (some of the topsoil would not be used as its typically organic material; not suitable for backfill). Ground disturbing activities would consist of less than 0.5 acre.

During construction, the existing 14-inch waterline would remain in service and would be disconnected and abandoned in place once the new water line is installed. The abandoned waterline would be filled with grout. During the connection process, the water system would be shut down. It is anticipated that this shutdown would be less than four hours.

Construction of the Proposed Project is estimated to begin in Spring of 2023 and last approximately 13 months. It is estimated that one crew of 4 to 8 people would be responsible for working on pipe fittings and installations while another crew of 4 to 8 would be responsible for excavating the trench for the waterline to be placed. An existing contractor lay down area and dumpster area located southwest of the solar field would be used during construction of the Proposed Project.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of 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: In compliance with CEQA, the California Department of General Services has established a 30-day public review period beginning March 30, 2022 to solicit comments and input on the

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Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than April 28, 2022 to:

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The Draft IS/MND is available online at: <http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA>