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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Draft Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program has been prepared for the project listed below. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review for a 30-day review period beginning Thursday, April 7, 2022, and ending Friday, May 6, 2022, in the Public Works Department, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the City's website at www.cityofwhittier.org.

Project Title: Murphy Reservoir Replacement Project

Project Location: The project site is located at 7900 Ocean View Avenue on City-owned property in the city of Whittier, within Los Angeles County, California. Please see Figure 1, provided below.

Project Summary: The proposed project has been developed to respond to necessary repairs and improvements to the existing Murphy West Reservoir and Murphy East Reservoir, collectively referred to as the Murphy Reservoirs, which provides water supply service to Pressure Zone 577 within the City of Whittier. Other facilities serving Pressure Zone 577 include Murphy Pump Station, and Painter Reservoir, which is powered by Greenleaf Pump Station. The proposed project would include permanent improvements at the Murphy Reservoirs site to replace the two existing reservoirs with a single, larger 2.31 MG reservoir, as well as temporary improvements to ensure that water supply service to Zone 577 is continued throughout the project construction period, during which one reservoir would be demolished at a time. Temporary improvements would include the use of a temporary Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at Greenleaf Pump Station, as well as at Murphy Pump Station, to connect portable generators and allow the pump stations to continue operating should a loss of power occur; this would ensure water supply service to residents in Zone 577 would be continued via Painter Reservoir while the Murphy Reservoirs are under construction and reliant on smaller, temporary storage reservoirs. The proposed project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), available on the City's website (www.cityofwhittier.org), identified as CIP No. WF-01.

Tribal Cultural Resources: In accordance with Assembly Bill 52, on July 7, 2021, the City sent Notices of Project Application to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation. The Kizh Nation requested consultation on July 14, 2021. The consultation resulted in mitigation measures on November 5, 2021. A letter to proceed with the project was sent to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians on September 15, 2021, as the City of Whittier did not receive a request to consult on this project within the 30 days specified as part of California Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65952.5.

Public Hearing: The City of Whittier may consider the Murphy Reservoir Replacement Project at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Please check the agenda before the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details: <https://www.cityofwhittier.org/government/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing(s); or, may be heard at the time noted above. All comments must be received prior to, or at the time of the public hearing(s). All such comments will be submitted to the City Council and the City Council will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comments, the City Council may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Contact Person: For questions concerning this project, please contact Kyle Cason at (562) 567-9500. Written comments may be submitted to PubWks@cityofwhittier.org.

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Figure 1. Project Location – Murphy Reservoir Replacement Project

