



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Well 205 Groundwater Treatment Project

DATE: April 19, 2022

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarity Valley Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Well 205 Groundwater Treatment Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Clarity Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has prepared a Draft Initial Study- Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2021 through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is comprised of approximately 1.75 acres located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 2861-066-002 on Valencia Boulevard near McBean Parkway in Santa Clarita, California (see Figure 1). The project site is zoned Open Space (OS). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a new groundwater treatment facility for treatment of perchlorate and other groundwater contaminants at the existing Well 205 site. Under the project, Well 205 would be reactivated, and all existing facilities would remain in place. The development footprint of the proposed groundwater treatment facility would be approximately 33,000 square feet, or approximately 0.8 acre. Groundwater pumped from Well 205 would proceed through pre-filters, granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels, ion exchange (IX) vessels, and chemical injection before connecting to an existing water distribution pipeline on the project site. The project would not increase the production capacity of Well 205, and consistent with previous operating conditions, Well 205 would be equipped to produce up to 2,700 gallons of groundwater per minute from the Saugus Formation of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin. The project would treat up to 4,360 acre-feet per year of groundwater. The new treatment facility would consist of a chemical building, water tanks, pumps, and treatment equipment alongside existing facilities at the site. Construction of the new groundwater treatment facility would occur between mid-2023 and mid-2024. Maintenance of the proposed project would include regular backwashing, replacement of filtration media, and routine performance monitoring and sampling. Maintenance staff would visit the project site daily, 365 days per year. Regular and routine maintenance activities would not include any ground-disturbing activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure that the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from April 19, 2022 through May 19, 2022 at:

- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website (<https://yourscvwater.com/document-library/>)
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Office (27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2022. Please address comments to:

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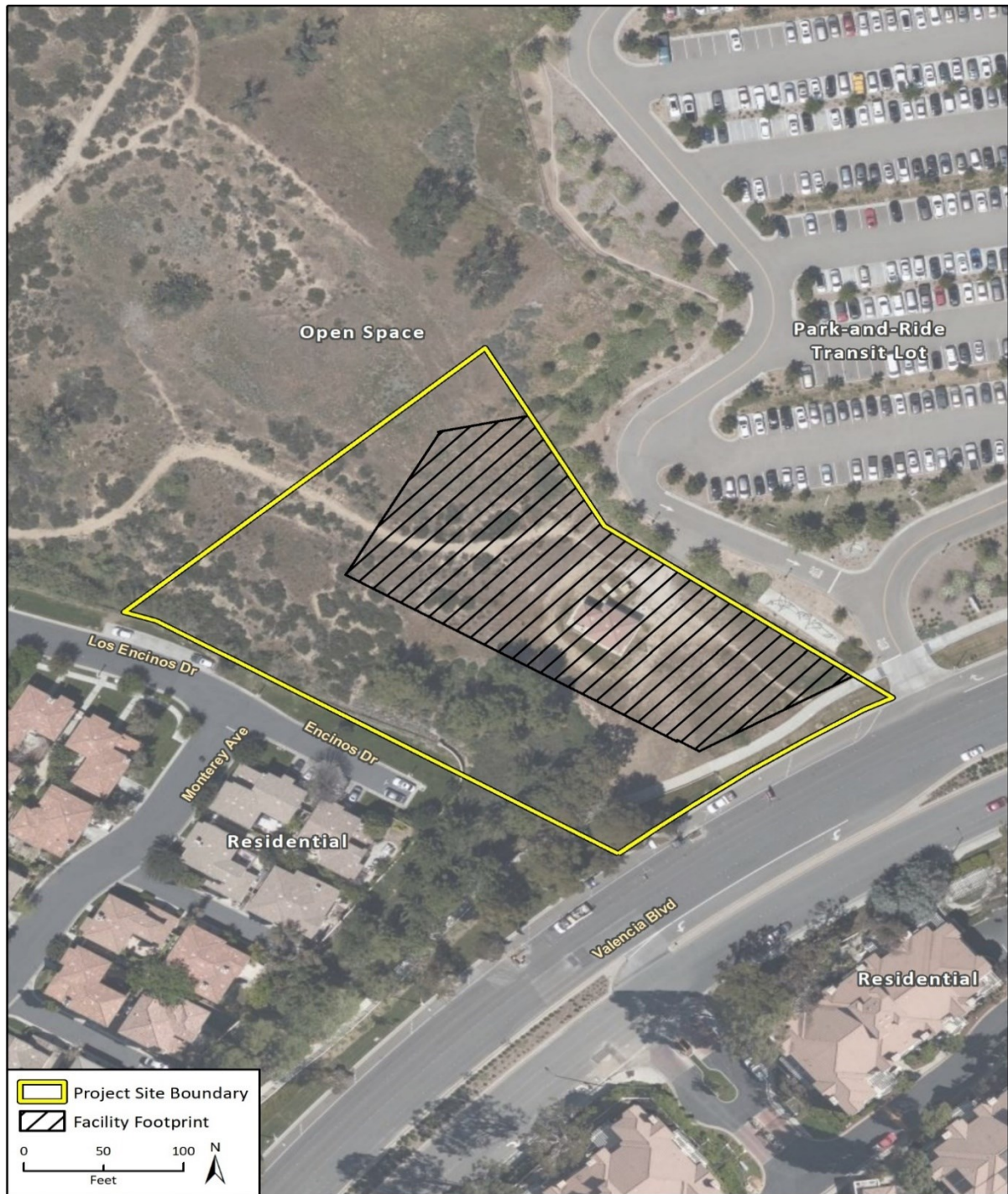
or by email to: rvasilopoulos@scvwa.org

Dated: April 19, 2022

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Figure 1 Project Site Location



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Fig 2. Project Location