



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the Reservoir 2B Replacement Project**

DATE: May 16, 2022

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: South Coast Water District

PROJECT TITLE: Reservoir 2B Replacement Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Coast Water District (SCWD) 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 Monday, May 16, 2022 through 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site consists of the following three parcels off Ceanothus Drive in the city of Laguna Beach - Assessor's Parcel Numbers 658-191-03, 658-191-04, and 056-051-29 (see Figure 1). The project site currently contains SCWD's Reservoir 2B, which is a white, approximately 30-foot-diameter, 0.1-million-gallon aboveground water storage reservoir, as well as an unpaved access road. The project site is designated by the Laguna Beach General Plan/Local Coastal Program as Open Space and Open Space-Residential/Hillside Protection and is zoned as Open Space/Conservation and Open Space/Conservation-Residential/Hillside Protection Zone. 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 include demolition of the existing Reservoir 2B (an aboveground, 0.1-million-gallon steel welded reservoir) and construction of two new aboveground 0.1-million-gallon aboveground steel reservoirs, each approximately 33 feet in diameter and approximately 21 to 22 feet in height. The new reservoirs would be light blue in color, consistent with SCWD's standard tank design. The purpose of the project is to provide additional capacity for SCWD's 490-pressure zone and contribute to providing an additional 0.1 million gallons of operational, fire, and emergency storage for this zone. The project also includes improvements to the unpaved access road leading to the reservoir site, which would consist of drainage improvements to mitigate stormwater runoff, installation of replacement power supply facilities, and asphalt paving of the road.

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 proposed project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project such that the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Due to this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.



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 May 16, 2022 through June 15, 2022 at:

- SCWD Website (https://www.scwd.org/about/district_projects/index.php)
- SCWD Office (31592 West St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651) during normal business hours
- Laguna Beach Library (363 Glenneyre Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651) during normal business hours

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Please address comments to:

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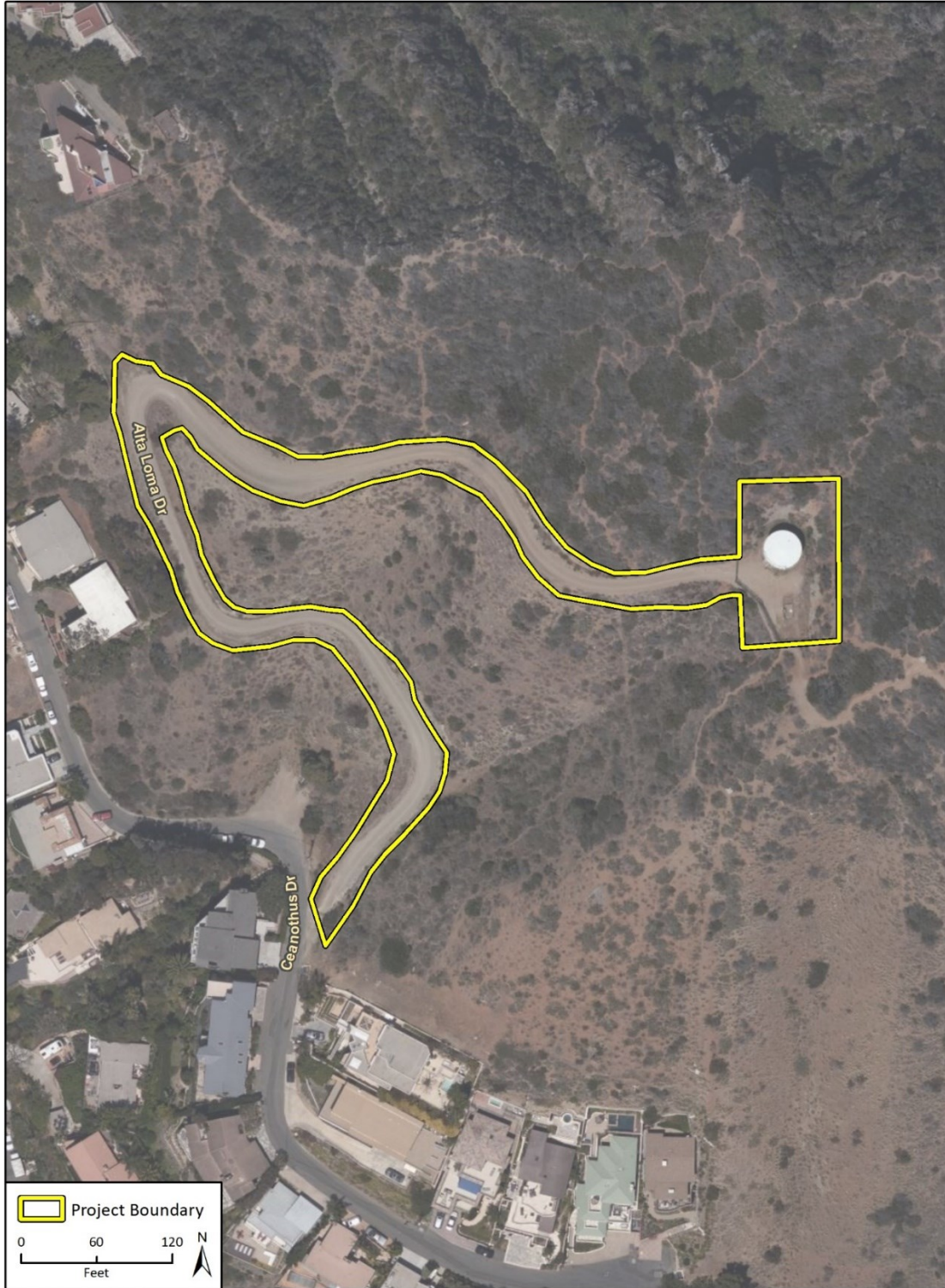
or by email to: tkjolsing@scwd.org

Dated: May 16, 2022

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Figure 1 Project Location



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Fig. 1 Project Location