

# NOTICE OF INTENT

## To Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Casitas Municipal Water District

### Use of Copper to Control Algae and Aquatic Animal Invasive Species in Lake Casitas

Casitas Municipal Water District (herein referred to as the “District”) is proposing to use copper-based products in Lake Casitas to control algae and aquatic animal invasive species.

The proposed project would include the following elements:

- Application of copper-based algaecides (e.g., Cutrine Plus) and molluscicides (e.g., Earthtec QZ), to be applied preferentially during the summer months at higher water temperatures for high efficacy levels and shorter contact time requirements; to be applied according to water use restrictions mentioned on the label; and
- Monitoring and reporting to the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

To comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District authorized Blankinship & Associates, Inc. to prepare an Initial Study for the proposed project. The Initial Study includes an environmental checklist that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. Based on the results of the Initial Study, the District has determined that the proposed project can be carried out without significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, the District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in order to meet its obligation under CEQA.

Prior to taking final action on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the District will consider public comments on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments to:

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Casitas Municipal Water District  
1055 Ventura Ave  
Oak View, CA 93022  
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The Initial Study, proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and supporting documents are available for public review at the District office, located at 1055 Ventura Ave, Oak View, CA 93022, during normal working hours, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are also available electronically on the District’s website (<https://www.casitaswater.org/>). The public review period begins on 6/23/2022 and ends on 7/24/2022. **All written comments must be received by the close of business on the last day of the review period.**

A public hearing on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is intended to be held during the Board Meeting scheduled for **August 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM** in the Board Room at the District office located at 1055 Ventura Ave Oak View, CA 93022. After consideration of all comments, the Board will either certify or reject the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.