

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PRESSURE ZONE 538 RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Lead Agency:

Ventura County Public Works Water and Sanitation Department
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Moorpark, California 93020

Project Manager: Mr. Ryan Lippincott (805) 378-3018

Location: The project site comprises the existing 0.38 acre tank site easement held by Ventura County in the southeast corner of APN 163-0-010-27. The tank site is located in unincorporated Ventura County near the community of Somis, approximately 1.25 miles southeast of the State Route 118/State Route 34 intersection.

Project Details: The proposed project consists of the removal of the existing 210,000-gallon Pressure Zone 538 Reservoir and replacement with two 300,000 gallon above-ground tanks within the existing easement. The proposed project would be constructed in three phases:

- Phase 1. Construction of the common tank pad and Tank 1 to serve the Somis Ranch Farmworker Housing Project (about 12 months).
- Phase 2. Construction of the booster pump station (about nine months).
- Phase 3. Construction of Tank 2 to serve existing Waterworks District No. 19 customers (about 12 months).

Environmental Review Findings: The Ventura County Public Works Water and Sanitation Department has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The MND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment identified are limited to potential impacts to discovered cultural resources.

Document Availability: The Draft MND may be reviewed upon request at the District offices located at 6767 Spring Road, Moorpark, California. An electronic copy of the Draft MND may be requested from the Project Manager. The Draft MND is also available for review upon request at the Camarillo City Library at 4101 Las Posas Road (805/388-5222).

How to Comment: The Ventura County Public Works Water and Sanitation Department is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the MND. Comments should be provided to the Project Manager, Ryan Lippincott at P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, California 93020 or ryan.lippincott@ventura.org prior to the close of the public comment period on July 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.