WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Title: 18-inch Transmission Main Installation Project

State Clearinghouse Number: Not yet assigned

Project Location: The project will occur within the northern portion of the West Valley Water District (WVWD or District) within an easement between Lytle Creek Road to the north and Citrus Avenue to the south traversing under the Interstate-15 (I-15) Freeway within Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the City of Fontana. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Devore, CA, and is located in Section 18, Township 1 North and Range 5 West. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 34.171502°, -117.453627°.

Project Description: The District's service area includes Pressure Zone 7, which is north of Pressure Zone 6 in WVWD's North System. Storage in this area is provided by District Reservoirs (R7-1, R7-2, R7-3, and R7-4) located on Lytle Creek Road. There is currently no source of supply within Pressure Zone 7, as water is boosted from the Lower Pressure Zones (4, 5, and 6) to serve that area. As such, the District is proposing a new 650 LF 18-inch transmission main to facilitate supply to accommodate the increase in development that is projected to occur in Pressure Zone 7.

WVWD proposes to install approximately 650 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch transmission main within Pressure Zone 7. The proposed transmission main will connect to an existing 18-inch transmission main at Lytle Creek Road and bore under the Ontario I-15 freeway and terminate at Citrus Avenue in an unimproved area. Approximately 250 LF of 18-inch diameter pipe will be trenched in the unimproved area. The proposed pits for the jack and bore will be approximately 40 feet in length and 20 feet in width and will be located outside the Caltrans right-of-way. The pipeline that will traverse under the I-15 includes trenchless installation of approximately 325 LF of 18-inch diameter carrier pipe in a 30-inch diameter casing under the I-15 Freeway to connect to segments at either side of the freeway. The segments of pipeline will be installed mostly within undisturbed areas between Lytle Creek Road and Citrus Avenue.

Finding: West Valley Water District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the District has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: Copies of the Initial Study can be reviewed at the District's office at 855 W. Baseline Road, Rialto, CA 92376. The Initial Study can also be found at the District's Website: www.wvwd.org. The public review period for the Initial Study begins on August 1, 2022 and ends on August 30, 2022.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on beginning on page 73 of the Initial Study and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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