

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Water Company Plant No. 7 Project

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH#2022090324

Project Location: The Project, is located next to an existing water reservoir site and adjacent to an access road—Observatory Road—on the easterly boundaries of Río Hondo Community College District (RHC) (Site), the primary address for which is 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601. The nearest cross street is South Drive and Circle Drive. The Project is located within unincorporated North Whittier. The Project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for El Monte, CA, and is located in Section 3, Township 2 South and Range 11 West. The approximate GPS coordinates of the Site are 34.019242, -118.027665.

Project Description: San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) requires the construction of a second water reservoir, which will be 60 feet in diameter and 40 feet high and .60 million gallons, at the Site in order to enable SGVWC to continue to provide adequate services to the RHC campus. The second reservoir will also allow for the existing reservoir to be taken out of service when required for routine maintenance.

Finding: The RHC's decision to implement this Project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the Project's draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), RHC made a determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: The public review period for the IS/MND was Wednesday September 21, 2022 to Friday October 21, 2022. Written comments on the IS/MND were submitted to Dr. Russell Castañeda-Calleros, Director of Government and Community Relations at c/o Río Hondo Community College District, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601 or via email at rcastaneda-calleros@riohondo.edu by October 21, 2022 by 5:00 PM.

The IS/MND and record of project approval is available to the general public at: The Office of Government and Community Relations located in Campus Inn, Room 169 on the main campus of RHC. The main campus is located at 3600 Workman Mill Rd. Whittier, CA 90601.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the IS/MND are summarized beginning on page 73 of the Initial Study, and were proposed for adoption as conditions of the proposed Project. The measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program that was adopted when the Project was approved on January 11, 2023.

 *Vice President - Finance* *01/12/2023*
Signature Title Date