



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for the Mission Hospital Pipeline Improvement Project**

**DATE:** September 12, 2022

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** South Coast Water District

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mission Hospital Pipeline Improvement 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, September 12, 2022 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project Area is located in Orange County in the City of Laguna Beach, south of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, north of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and east of the existing Mission Hospital. The pipeline alignment is generally from the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Mar Vista Avenue, south along Mar Vista Avenue to Sunset Avenue, and along Sunset Avenue to just north of the intersection of Sunset Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A potential equipment and materials staging area is included in this analysis to provide the contractor with a potential staging area within undeveloped land adjacent and to the east of the intersection of Mar Vista Avenue and Sunset Avenue and a short segment of the pipeline traverses down a steep portion of the hillside adjacent and south of the proposed staging area down to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Sunset Avenue terminating at the rear of the Mission Hospital.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The South Coast Water District, per its 2017 Master Plan, proposes pipeline improvements for approximately 2,000 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water main near the Mission Hospital that is unable to provide the required 4,000 gallons per minute (gpm) of fire flow at a 20 pressure-per-square-inch (psi) residual pressure. The Project involves replacing 1,350 linear feet of 8-inch asbestos cement pipe (ACP) water main with 12-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe, replacing 160 linear feet of 6-inch ACP water main with 12-inch PVC pipe, installing valves and valve clusters as required, and reconnecting service connections and fire hydrants as required. The pipeline alignment runs south along Mar Vista Avenue from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Sunset Avenue, south along Sunset Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and also down a hill from Sunset Avenue to Mission Hospital.

This Project is a part of the SCWD's modified Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to replace aging infrastructure and meet fire flow requirements to support wildfire mitigation efforts and increase



fire water supply within the District's 490 pressure zone located to the east of Pacific Coast Highway in the northern part of the District.

**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, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, 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. Base on 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 September 12, 2022 through October 11, 2022 at:

- SCWD Website ([https://www.scwd.org/about/district\\_projects/index.php](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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Please address comments to:

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