NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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FROM: Yucaipa Valley Water District
12770 Second Street
Yucaipa, CA 92399

DATE: January 8, 2023

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Yucaipa Valley Water District

PROJECT TITLE: North Bench Recycled Water System Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD) hereby gives notice that a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the North Bench Recycled Water System Project is available for review and comment.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project Area is located primarily within the City of Yucaipa, with a small portion located within the Oak Glen community of unincorporated San Bernardino County. The Project extends from the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility (YVRWFF) at 35477 Oak Glen Road, to an existing YVWD reservoir site approximately 3.1 miles to the east.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: YVWD proposes the expansion of the recycled water system in the North Bench area of the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California. The expansion includes the construction of four recycled water reservoirs, four booster stations, and approximately 3.4 miles of pipeline. The first (westernmost) booster station (B-14.1) would be located at the YVRWFF. The second booster station (B-16.2) and first reservoir (R-16.2) would be located north of Oak Glen Road approximately 1 mile east of the YVRWFF adjacent to an existing reservoir. The third booster station (B-17.2) and second reservoir (R-17.2) would be located at the eastern end of Lan Franc Road, south of Oak Glen Road. The fourth booster station (B-18.2) and third reservoir (R-18.2) would be located south of Oak Glen Road within undisturbed land. The fourth (easternmost) reservoir (R-20.1) would be constructed south of Oak Glen Road adjacent to an existing reservoir approximately 2 miles east of the first reservoir. A new 3.4-mile pipeline would be constructed in the existing roadway along Oak Glen Road with shorter segments located within the right-of-way (ROW) along James Birch Road, Chagall Road, Martell Avenue, and Lan Franc Road to connect to the B-16.2/R-16.2 and B-17.2/R-17.2 booster station/reservoir sites. This Project will extend the system in the North Bench area of the City of Yucaipa and the unincorporated Oak Glen community to accommodate existing and planned development which will utilize recycled water on all landscaped areas. Diesel emergency backup generators will be included at each booster location. The Project would result in approximately 4.0 acres of disturbance (2.4 acres of pipeline and 1.6 acres of other facilities). It is anticipated that construction would take three years and would begin in early 2024.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Initial Study/MND was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study/MND found that the environmental effects from the Project would be less than significant with the incorporation of standard conditions and mitigation measures.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The Project Area is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Begins: January 8, 2023 **Ends:** February 7, 2023

LOCATION WHERE DOCUMENT CAN BE REVIEWED: The Initial Study, Draft MND, and supporting documents are available for public review at:

- YVWD website (www.yvwd.us)
- YVWD Office (12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399) during normal business hours

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Please address comments to:

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12770 Second Street
Yucaipa, CA 92399
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January 5, 2023
Date

Jennifer Ares, Water Resource Manager