

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	<b>Yucaipa Valley Water District</b>
Project Name:	<b>R-16.2 Reservoir and Booster Pumping Station Project</b>
Project Description:	The Project generally consists of construction and operation of two 0.6 million-gallon (MG) potable water storage reservoirs to serve the 16 Pressure Zone, one 0.3 MG recycled water storage reservoir, one potable water booster pumping station configured and equipped to pump to the 17 Pressure Zone, one recycled water booster station configured and equipped to pump to the 17 Pressure Zone, a concrete drainage swale and a retention basin to convey and retain stormwater runoff on the site, approximately 480 linear feet of 16-inch diameter potable water pipeline, and approximately 450 linear feet of 12-inch diameter recycled water pipeline. The Project also includes demolition and removal of the existing potable water R-16.2 Reservoir.
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Project is located at the site of the District’s existing R-16.2 Reservoir at 36400 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399, as well as within an existing easement along James Birch Road, within a proposed easement within APN 0321-241-05, and within the existing right-of-way of Oak Glen Road. The Project site is generally located northerly of Oak Glen Road, along James Birch Road, and at a site located at the westerly terminus of James Birch Road, in the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California.
The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the State's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.</b>	
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency’s office, located at: <b>12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399</b> , and also on the Lead Agency's website at <a href="http://www.yvwd.us">www.yvwd.us</a> .	
Lead Agency address: <b>12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399</b>	
Comments will be received from <b>February 8, 2023 to March 9, 2023</b> .	
<b>Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency on or before March 2, 2023.</b> Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:

**Date: March 21, 2023**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.



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