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: March 16, 2023

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Yucaipa Valley Water District

PROJECT TITLE: Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion Project – Pressure Zones 10 to 11

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 Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion Project – Pressure Zones 10 to 11 is available for review and comment.

PROJECT LOCATION: All Project components are located in the City of Calimesa, Riverside County, California. The new booster station (B-10.3 Recycled Water Booster) would be located adjacent to existing boosters at the YVWD's Henry N. Wochholz Regional Water Recycling Facility (WRWRF) located at 880 West County Line Road, Calimesa, California 92320. Approximately 234 linear feet of pipeline would connect to the water system in the approved Mesa Verde Estates Specific Plan area. One new recycled water reservoir (R-11.4 Recycled Water Reservoir) would be constructed on undeveloped YVWD-owned property northeast of the intersection of Condit Avenue and Sharon Way adjacent to a future drinking water reservoir.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: YVWD proposes the expansion of the recycled water system to serve the approved the Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area and Summerwind Ranch at Oak Valley Specific Plan Area of the City of Calimesa, Riverside County, California (Project). The Project includes the construction of a 5.5-million-gallon recycled water reservoir, a booster station, and approximately 0.35 mile of 24-inch recycled water pipeline to connect to the water system within the Specific Plan areas. Approximately 234 linear feet of pipeline would connect to the water system in the approved Mesa Verde Estates Specific Plan area and approximately 1,600 linear feet of pipeline in Condit Avenue and Sharon Way would connect to the existing recycled water system in Singleton Road.

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: March 16, 2023 **Ends:** April 17, 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 Monday, April 17, 2023. Please address comments to:

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12770 Second Street
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or by email to: jares@yvwd.us

March 13, 2023
Date

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Jennifer Ares, Water Resource Manager