

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
TWENTYNINE PALMS WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT PHASE I**

LEAD AGENCY: City of Twentynine Palms
6136 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

CONTACT PERSON: Keith Gardner, Planning Department

PROJECT TITLE: Twentynine Palms Wastewater Reclamation Project Phase 1

PROJECT LOCATION: Area is generally bounded by Amboy Road to the north, Bagdad Highway to the east, Baseline Road to the south, and Morongo Road to the west in the City of Twentynine Palms

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Phase 1 of the proposed Wastewater Reclamation Project is centrally located within City limits and is generally bounded by Amboy Road to the north, Bagdad Highway to the east, Baseline Road to the south, and Morongo Road to the west. The Project consists of a sewer collection system and a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

Development of the Phase 1 wastewater collection and conveyance system will occur in five phases (Phase 1A through 1E) and consists of approximately 142,090 linear feet, or 26.9 miles of gravity sewer lines, 1,428 service laterals, 485 manholes, and a lift station located at the north side of Luckie Park (APN 0623-162-01), along Two Mile Road. The lift station will collect wastewater from the Phase 1D tributary area and will pump that wastewater, via a 3,340-foot force main, to a gravity trunk sewer in the adjacent Phase 1C tributary area.

The proposed site for the WWTP is a 4.43-acre parcel (APN 0623-171-11) located east of Desert Knoll Avenue and south of Buena Vista Drive/the San Bernardino County flood control channel. The Project proposes a centralized WWTP with the secondary/tertiary process using membrane bioreactor (MBR) system and UV disinfection. Effluent discharge from the WWTP will eventually be transported to an off-site location. The IS/MND analyzes impacts associated with both a temporary (short-term) and future permanent effluent discharge pipelines, as well as a preliminary location for the temporary discharge site. The temporary discharge pipeline will extend north from the WWTP along Buena Vista Drive/Utah Trail then east along Amboy Road to the discharge location at the northeast corner of Amboy Road and Bagdad Highway (APN: 062-209-102). The permanent discharge pipeline will extend south from the WWTP along Desert Knoll Ave, east on Pinon Drive, south on Utah Trail and end at Baseline Road. A discharge site has not been selected for this location. The temporary and permanent discharge pipelines are approximately 2.84 miles and 1.82 miles in length, respectively.

The collection system and the WWTP will be constructed concurrently and are planned to be completed by the end of 2026.

FINDINGS / DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that any potentially significant impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on March 22, 2023 and end on April 20, 2023 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments can be submitted to Keith Gardner at:

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The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review at the Community Development Department at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or available on the City's Planning Division website at www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us.

PUBLIC HEARING: This matter has been tentatively set for a public hearing before the City Council on April 25, 2023. Please contact Keith Gardner at the number shown above to confirm the hearing date.