

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR COLLEGE-FAIRFAX TO COUNTRY CLUB WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), East Niles Community Services District is circulating Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for public comment.

Project/Location: 6300 College Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93306, Northwest corner of College Avenue and Fairfax Road

Project Description: The project would involve the construction of inter-zone pipelines, a storm and tank drain pipeline, and additional site improvements. The project would involve the replacement of undersized and aging pipelines that are nearing the end of their service utility. The project would also include the installation of a new pipeline to bolster redundancy in the District's water distribution system and improve site and tank drainage. The project would not increase pipeline capacity for additional customers; rather, it would strengthen the existing operations, allowing for more efficient delivery, and prevent potential disruptions in service.

Document Availability: The Initial Study/MND will be available for review at the request of the public, please email mranches@mknassociates.us for a pdf copy.

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study/MND is from March 31, 2023 to April 30, 2023.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the District's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 30, 2023. Written comments may be sent to Melvin Ranches – MKN & Associates, 1800 21st St, Suite C, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Comments may also be sent by email to mranches@mknassociates.us.

Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures as outlined on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) report, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval.

