



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed North Cathedral City Regional Stormwater Project described below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq and CEQA-Plus federal requirements. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period, commencing on April 26, 2023, and ending May 26, 2023.

Project Title: North Cathedral City Regional Stormwater Project

Project Location: The North Cathedral City Regional Stormwater Project is in Cathedral City, within Riverside County, California; located in portions of Section 32, T.3.S, R.5.E and Section 5, T.4.S, R.5.E. The proposed 26.44-acre project site is located within the northwestern portion of the City, approximately 130 feet southwest of Interstate 10 (I-10) and 0.8-mile east of Gene Autry Road.

Brief Project Description: The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) proposes to construct a regional stormwater channel that would provide a connection from north of Interstate 10 (I-10) to the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel (WWRSC) to the south. The storm flow from north would be conveyed under I-10 and two Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks to the existing WWRSC. The design would collect existing flows passing under I-10 and provides a reliable and engineered channel under the UPRR that will provide a long-term solution for conveying flows downstream to the WWRSC. The Morongo Wash Watershed is an approximately 207 square mile watershed that produces a 100-year storm flow of roughly 36,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). This project will reduce flooding to approximately 8,000 acres downstream and provide improved flooding protection to the lives and property of Thousand Palms and provide flooding protection to both I-10 and UPRR.

Public Meeting: CVWD's Board of Directors will consider the proposed project at a publicly-noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 27, 2023, at 8:00 AM. Meetings are typically held at CVWD's Administration Building, located at 51-501 Tyler Street, Coachella, California, 92236. In an effort to protect public health, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and because State and/or local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing, the public may view the Board meeting online or virtually. The meeting will be streamed live on the District's website at: www.cvwd.org/151/Board-Agendas. Members of the public may provide comments in-person at the meeting or via Zoom.

30-Day Document Review: The document may be reviewed online at:
<http://www.cvwd.org/368/Environmental-Documents>

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to: William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: wpatterson@cvwd.org

