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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the El Centro Generating Station Wastewater Mitigation Project

Notice is hereby given by the Imperial Irrigation District of the availability for public review of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the El Centro Generating Station Wastewater Mitigation Project

The El Centro Generating Station utilizes a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to discharge its cooling tower effluent to surface waters. In January 2020, the ECGS renewed its NPDES permit; the renewed permit now contains new and more stringent limitations for the concentration of specific pollutants that are discharged in its effluent stream.

To meet compliance, the ECGS must eliminate discharge to surface waters by utilizing a wastewater treatment system. The treatment system will consist of water softening, process water storage, membrane filtration, and evaporation ponds. The impacted areas to implement the project includes the area east of the ECGS's Pond #3 where all water treatment equipment will be sited and the area for the evaporation ponds, located at the northwest corner of Dogwood Road and E. Villa Avenue, where the reject streams generated from the treatment system will be handled.

The project will be located at 485 East Villa Avenue and at the northwest corner of Dogwood Road and Villa Avenue in El Centro, CA 92243.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days (from October 10, 2023 through November 8, 2023) Discussion of potential impacts and mitigation measures are included in the IS. No significant impacts were identified for the project and a Draft MND has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. Copies of the IS and Draft MND are on file at the Environmental Regulatory Compliance Unit offices of the IID located at 321 South Waterman Avenue, Suite 201, Valley Plaza, El Centro, California (hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday [and alternating Fridays]), on the IID's website <https://www.iid.com/about-iid/environmental-documents-available-for-public-review>. All comments concerning this environmental document must be submitted in writing to:

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All comments must be received prior to the close of the business day on November 8, 2023. The Imperial Irrigation District is required to consider all written comments received during the noticed public review period prior to approving the project.