

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP) Sewer Line Project**

DATE: March 20, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP) Sewer Line Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from March 20, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2024.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 2849-003-901 within Santa Clarita, California. The project includes two non-contiguous linear pipeline segments: one 1,900-foot segment would follow an existing dirt access road east of the existing pipeline, and one 350-foot segment located within internal roadways at the RVWTP. See Figure 1 for a map of project components. The City of Santa Clarita's General Plan land use designation and zoning for the project site is Open Space (OS). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The RVWTP Sewer Line Project (herein referred to as "proposed project" or "project") would replace an existing eight-inch sewer line that connects the RVWTP to the local sewer system. The RVWTP's sewer system ties into an eight-inch sewer line approximately 0.2-mile northwest of the RVWTP. This segment runs generally northwest between the RVWTP and an existing connection point to the local sewer pipeline system. The proposed pipeline would follow an existing unpaved access roadway between the RVWTP and the existing connection point to the local sewer pipeline system to avoid steep hillsides and impacts related to erosion. This new alignment would be located east of the existing alignment and is approximately 1,900 linear feet in length.

The project also includes upsizing approximately 350 linear feet of an existing sewer pipeline from six inches to eight inches in diameter. This pipeline is located within internal roadways at the RVWTP.

Implementation of the project will include excavation to install the new pipeline segment and replace the existing pipeline segment. The project would also pave the existing dirt access road to a width of 16 feet. The paved road would extend from a paved driveway within the RVWTP, along the existing dirt access road to an existing paved parking area at the south side of Central Park. The project would require vegetation removal, tree trimming, and tree removal along the

pipeline segment, with an anticipated total of four non-native trees to be removed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from March 20, 2024, through April 19, 2024, at:

- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website
(<https://yourscvwater.com/departments/engineering/environmental-review>)
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Office (27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

Written comments must be submitted no later than April 19, 2024. Please address comments to:

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Figure 1 Project Site Map



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Fig 2 Project Location