

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To: Office of Planning & Research**                      and                      **San Bernardino County**  
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**From: Running Springs Water District (RSWD)**  
31242 Hilltop Blvd. (POB 2206)  
Running Springs, CA 92382

**Project Title:**                      Vehicle & Equipment Storage Building Project

**SCH Number:**                      To be assigned

**Project Location:**                      The property proposed for development with the new storage building is an existing outdoor storage facility located on Rim of the World Highway (State Route (SR) 18), just east of the intersection of Alder Court and SR 18 in the community of Running Springs. The project site is part of an estimated 3-acre area owned by the District at this location. The site is located on the Keller Peak 7.5 Minute Series USGS Topographic Quadrangle Map in Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, SBBM. Specific geodetic location is Latitude 34° 12' 55.25" North, and Longitude 117° 07' 33.36" West.

**Project Description:**                      The District is in need of a pre-engineered storage building to protect its vehicles and other operating equipment from the winter weather. The site located on SR 18 has been selected for installation of a 40' x 70' prefabricated steel building. The building is proposed to be between 12' and 19' tall and will provide four vehicle bays and door entrances. A concrete foundation will be constructed where the existing steel shipping containers are currently located on the property. Minor site grading will be required onsite to accommodate the installation of the approximately 3,000 square foot (SF) concrete building pad/foundation and storage building.

The proposed project will not encroach within the SR 18 Right-of-Way (ROW). No improvements are needed on SR 18 since the District already has a left-turn lane for access to the existing site. According to the District average daily visits to the existing storage facility ranges between 1 and 5 trips per day and this will not change after the new storage building is completed and in use. The existing 8' tall chain-link fence will be retained. Stormwater onsite currently runs off from the project site as sheet flow to the north onto District owned property. Construction is forecast to require 3-5 months and require a crew of 5-6 employees with two pickup trucks, a boom hoist and a backhoe. Once completed the District anticipates no change in number of employees and as noted, there is also no expected change to the existing traffic flow in and out of the site.

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**Project Sponsor(s):** Running Springs Water District

- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
  - (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which RSWD based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained online at <https://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com/> and in person at:

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The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 20-day public review and comment during the review period which begins on May 3, 2024 and ends on May 22, 2024. Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Ryan Gross at the mailing address or email listed above no later than May 22, 2024 by 5:00 PM.

	General Manager	4/30/2024
Signature	Title	Date

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Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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