

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

**To: Office of Planning & Research**  
**State Clearinghouse**  
1400 Tenth Street  
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and

**San Bernardino County**  
**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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San Bernardino, CA 92415

**From: Running Springs Water District (RSWD)**  
31242 Hilltop Blvd. (POB 2206)  
Running Springs, CA 92382

**Project Title:** ROWCO Reservoirs & Booster Replacement Project

**SCH Number:** To be assigned

**Project Location:** The existing ROWCO reservoirs site is located near Old Highway 18 South between Hollymont Drive and All View Drive in the community of Running Springs. The project site encompasses approximately 87,000 square feet (sf), or about 2.0 acres. 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°12'53" North, and Longitude 117°07'30 West.

**Project Description:** The Project consists of the installation and operation of a new 300,000-gallon welded steel, potable water storage reservoir that will replace the two existing 100,000-gallon bolted steel reservoirs, estimated to be 14 feet diameter and 20 feet height. The new 300,000-gallon steel tank that will be approximately 25-feet in height and 46-feet in diameter. The project site will be re-graded with no major change in the base elevation of about 6,298 feet amsl. About 40 cubic yards (CY) will be cut from the site and removed to a District storage location. Additionally, the portion of the existing access road located within the project site will be improved. The new welded steel tank will maintain about four feet of freeboard to protect the reservoir from sloshing impacts during an earthquake.

The proposed foundation system will be a reinforced concrete ring wall foundation system. Maximum foundation loads are anticipated at 3,500 pounds per linear foot (plf) for continuous (ring wall) foundation and up to 80 kilo-pounds (kips) for isolated pad foundations are anticipated. Associated site improvements will consist of new inlet/outlet piping, overflow and drain piping, installing water level monitoring equipment, new site pavement improvements, block walls and/or chain-link fencing as needed to control potential trespass.

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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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31242 Hilltop Boulevard (PO Box 2206)  
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The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period which begins on **July 3, 2024** and ends on **August 1, 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 August 1, 2024 by 5:00 PM**.

	General Manager	6/27/2024
Signature	Title	Date

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Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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