

**RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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PROJECT TITLE: ROWCO Reservoirs & Booster Replacement Project (SCH# 2024070049)

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.

FINDING: Running Springs Water District (RSWD) decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). RSWD has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

INITIAL STUDY: Copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are available for public review at the RSWD's office at 31242 Hilltop Blvd., Running Springs, CA 92382 or are accessible online at <https://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com/>. The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study began **July 1, 2024** and ended on **August 1, 2024**. Written comments on the MND were mailed to Mr. Ryan Gross at the following address PO Box 2206, Running Springs, CA 92382, or were emailed at the following email address: rgross@runningspringswd.com no later than **August 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM**. For further information, please contact Mr. Ryan Gross at (909) 867-2766 or email.

MITIGATION MEASURES: All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 58-60 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program after the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.


Signature

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Date