



February 5, 2025

Valley County Water District  
5121 Lante Street  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Subject: Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nixon Storage Expansion Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Valley County Water District (District), the lead agency overseeing the Valley County Water District Nixon Storage Expansion Project (Project) hereby gives notice of the preparation of and the intent to adopt an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project as described herein. According to the *2021 Water Master Plan*, the District service area is currently deficient in water storage by 4.84 million gallons (MG) with future deficiency forecast at 6.02 MG. The purpose of the Project is to provide additional water storage capacity for the District service area. Therefore, the District proposes to expand the storage by constructing additional reservoirs at the Clinton O. Nixon Treatment and Storage Facility located at 14233 Joanbridge Street, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

The proposed Project would include the demolition of the existing carport, warehouse, district office, and associated foundations and pavement, and the construction of two (2) additional water reservoir tanks with a capacity of 2.5 MG each to help offset the existing and forecast storage deficiencies with the District service area. The reduction of storage deficiency would provide more water for users including firefighting purposes and minimizing service outages. The reservoir tanks proposed at the Project site would be up to 108 feet in diameter and up to approximately 47 feet in total height. The reservoir tanks would be painted a solid, neutral color and would have a nonreflective surface. In addition to daily maintenance visits, the reservoir tanks would be monitored and controlled via an existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which monitors data from various sensors and relays the data to a remote location. The water supply for the new reservoir tanks would be from the Nixon East and West Wells. The Nixon Booster Station would deliver water from the proposed reservoir tanks to the existing system. The two new reservoir tanks would be located in the eastern portion of the Project site to the east of the existing reservoir tanks. Existing on-site utilities located on the western portion of the facility would remain operational during construction to keep the existing tanks in service. Construction of the Project is scheduled to commence in 2026.

The District has prepared the necessary documentation under the CEQA to ensure that the Project implements strategic mitigation measures to reduce impacts to the environment and the immediate community. The District has determined that the Project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment. The District hereby has prepared and proposes to adopt an IS/MND for the revised proposed Project.

The following approvals and actions are required:

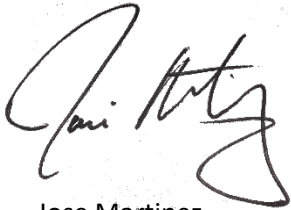
- Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

As a Special district, the District requires no other actions or approvals. The District would apply for a waiver for tank freeboard with State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Wildfire funding grant.

The Draft IS/MND, and associated technical documents, will be available during the public review period (February 4, 2025 through March 6, 2025) at the Valley County Water District office located at 5121 Lante St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 between that hours of 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM every other Friday, and during normal business hours at the Baldwin Park Public Library located at 4181 Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (library hours are Tuesdays 12 PM to 8 PM, Wednesdays 12 PM to 8 PM, Thursdays 10 AM to 6 PM, Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM; closed on Sundays and Mondays). The IS/MND will also be available for review online at the District website: [www.vcwd.org/273/Nixon-Storage-Expansion-Project](http://www.vcwd.org/273/Nixon-Storage-Expansion-Project).

Please submit any comments on the Draft IS/MND to Ms. Tara Robinson, Water Resources Manager, via email at: [trobinson@vcwd.org](mailto:trobinson@vcwd.org).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Martinez", written in a cursive style.

Jose Martinez  
*General Manager*