



State Water Resources Control Board
and the
Department of Health and Human Services – Indian Health Service



**NOTICE OF INTENT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration,
Environmental Assessment, and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact
for the proposed
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Septic to Sewer Conversion Project**

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21092 & CEQA Guidelines Section 15072 and National Environmental Policy Act & Indian Health Service Environmental Review Manual

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Financial Assistance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Service (IHS) have jointly prepared and are circulating the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration – Environmental Assessment (IS/MND–EA) for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project (Project) in Riverside County. The Project includes approximately 19.6 miles of sewer pipelines, lift stations, and staging areas, primarily within the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' 8,320-acre Reservation, with some off-Reservation segments in the City of San Jacinto and unincorporated County of Riverside. The Project site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The SWRCB and IHS are required to fulfil the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and National Environmental Policy Act (42 United States Code §4321-4370), respectively. The IS/MND–EA assesses the environmental impacts resulting from the Project. The determined environmental impacts would be less than significant with environmental commitments, protection measures, and mitigation measures.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that SWRCB and IHS invites and will receive public comments on the Project in accordance with this notice, and that the SWRCB intends to adopt the IS/MND–EA for the Project in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines. An electronic version of the Draft IS/MND–EA and Draft Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact is available for review:

On the SWRCB website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/ceqa/lead-agency-documents.html

On IHS website: <https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/about-us/oehe/ofc-assoc-dir/nepa/>

Hard copies will be available at the following locations (please check for applicable hours of operation):

Band's Administration Office: 23906 Soboba Road, San Jacinto, CA 92583
San Jacinto Public Library: 595 S San Jacinto Ave, San Jacinto, CA 92583

Written comments must be submitted **no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, May 9, 2025** to be considered. Submit written comments to: comments@soboba-septic-to-sewer.com Submission of written comments via email is preferred, but not required. Comments can also be mailed to Soboba Tribal Environmental Department, P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA 92581.