



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon Groundwater Treatment
Improvements Project**

DATE: April 25, 2025

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 32-day public review period from April 25, 2025 through 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2025.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is comprised of portions of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 2840-006-901, 2840-002-901, and the public right-of-way of Lost Canyon Road between La Veda Drive and a point approximately 390 feet northeast of the intersection of Humphreys Parkway and Lincoln Place. See Figure 1 for a project site map. APN 2840-006-901 is zoned Urban Residential 1 (UR1), and APN 2840-002-901 is zoned Specific Plan-Open Space (Vista Canyon). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves construction of a centralized per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) groundwater treatment facility, improvements to the existing Sand Canyon and Lost Canyon 2A wells, replacement of an approximately 1,700 feet of 14-inch pipeline along Lost Canyon Road, decommissioning of the existing Mitchell 5B and Lost Canyon 2 wells, and various site improvements including electrical, piping, and access upgrades. The project would restore the use of the Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon wells and would reduce SCV Water's dependency on imported water. Construction would occur between approximately May 2026 and May 2028. The groundwater treatment and disinfection facility would operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Maintenance activities would include daily maintenance staff visits, weekly chemical deliveries, and resin media replacement approximately every 9 to 12 months.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.



PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 32 days from April 25, 2025 through May 27, 2025 at:


- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website (<https://yourscvwater.com/pfas/treatment-facilities>)
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Office (27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2025. Please address comments to:

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Dated: 4/15/2025

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Figure 1 Project Site Location Map



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