

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROGRAM DRAFT EIR

Project Title: Mission Springs Water District West Valley Water Reclamation Program DEIR (State Clearinghouse Number #2019029091)

Project Location-Specific: The proposed project is located at several locations within MSWDs service area, which is located generally within the City of Desert Hot Springs and within unincorporated Riverside County. The West Valley Water Reclamation Facility is located at the northwest corner of 20th Avenue and Little Morongo Road, while the pipeline alignments travel along Dillon Road and Little Morongo Road. The conveyance system will be installed within an area north of Dillon Road, west of Yerxa Road and Hidalgo Street, south of San Gorgonio Street, and east of Avenue Garcia within the City of Desert Hot Springs and unincorporated Riverside County.

Project Location-City: Desert Hot Springs

Project Location-County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: MSWD or District, as the Lead Agency pursuant to CEQA, is proposing to implement a West Valley Water Reclamation Program (WVWRP or Program) that includes constructing municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems that will promote the elimination of individual septic systems that overlie the Mission Creek, Desert Hot Springs, and Garnet Hill aquifers. The WVWRP has three components: construction of a West Valley Water Reclamation Facility (WVWRF), construction of a conveyance system connecting existing sewer areas to the WVWRF, and constructing a collection system for the Groundwater Quality Protection Program (GQPP) Area M2 (to be served by the WVWRF). As funding becomes available, the District's WVWRF will be installed and begin operation of Phase 1 with design flow of 1.5 MGD. Initial flows are projected to be 0.20 MGD. By the end of Year 1, flows are projected to be 0.29 MGD. Flows are projected to gradually increase to 1.0 MGD by Year 7 and 1.2 MGD by Year 9.

The conveyance system that will connect to existing sewer areas to the WVWRF would install about 7,531 lineal feet (LF) of 10" PVC force main pipeline and 8,923 LF of 24" to 36" VCP sewer main pipeline; while the collection system to be installed within GQPP Area M2 envisions the installation of approximately 25,260 linear feet of 4-inch gravity sewer, 20,122 lineal feet of 8-inch gravity sewer (VCP), with short runs of 12-inch to 15-inch gravity sewer pipeline. The entirety of the pipeline alignment will be installed within existing road rights-of-way.

Construction of the proposed WVWRP elements are anticipated to occur beginning in the Fourth Quarter of 2019. Construction of the WVWRF is expected to require about eighteen (18) months, while construction of the pipeline alignments is anticipated to require about one hundred-five (105) days assuming that two teams will be installing pipelines concurrently.

The Program DEIR did not identify any significant cumulative or significant, unavoidable environmental impacts.

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or website at <https://www.mswd.org/projects.aspx>

Review Period: April 15, 2019 – May 29, 2019 (45-day review)

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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

None.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

City of Desert Hot Springs
Riverside County
South Coast Air Quality Management District
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Game
US Army Corps of Engineers
Colorado Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Public Health
Riverside County Flood Control