



MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
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Project Title: Basin Maintenance for Water Recharge – Waterman Spreading Grounds

State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Location: The Project is located in the City of San Bernardino, within San Bernardino County, California, north of Wildwood Park/40th Street and east and adjacent to Waterman Avenue/SR-18. The Project is located on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute *Sam Bernardino North* Quadrangle at Latitude: 34°10'13.11"N, Longitude: 117°16'26.08"W.

Project Description: The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) proposes to annually recharge up to 30,000 acre feet per year (AFY) of State Water Project (SWP), or an average of 15,000 AFY based on water availability, in the Waterman Spreading Grounds in San Bernardino, which are owned and operated by the San Bernardino Flood Control District (SBCFCD). To facilitate the recharge, specific maintenance activities are required in 10 of the 12 existing percolation basins in the Waterman Spreading Grounds (Proposed Project). Maintenance would generally be conducted in two cycles, one in the late winter/early spring and again in the late summer/early fall and would consist of removing vegetation and excess sediment, ripping/scraping the basin floors, and repair of various basin structures of only the areas of the basins in the Spreading Grounds that will be used for recharge.

The basins will continue to attenuate storm water when needed. The two basins outside the Valley District Proposed Project area would be maintained by SBCFCD for flood control purposes under their own permit and are not part of the Proposed Project.

Finding: The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, District has made a determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are available for review at the District's office located at 380 E Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study was circulated for public review and comment from April 8, 2019 to May 7, 2019.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are summarized and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as part of the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study.

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**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
 AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
 BASIN MAINTENANCE FOR WATER RECHARGE
 WATERMAN SPREADING GROUNDS**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (District) Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

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Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at <https://www.sbvmd.com/> and at the following physical locations:

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 380 East Vanderbilt Way
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 P: (909) 387-9200

If unavailable on the web site, the document may be obtained in electronic format by telephoning the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District at (909) 387-9200 or, or by emailing Heather Dyer, Water Resources Project Manager, heatherd@sbvmd.com to request a PDF version of the document.

The public comment period starts **April 8, 2019** and ends on **May 7, 2019 at 5:00 PM**. Please submit comments in writing to:

Email: douglash@sbvmd.com or by mail:
 Douglas Headrick, General Manager
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Public Hearing: A public hearing will be scheduled to consider adoption of the Final IS/MND at the **May 21, 2019** regular meeting of the Board of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. In advance of the hearing date, Staff will distribute a separate notice regarding that hearing.

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