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State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon  
Director

**Notice of Preparation**

February 15, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Mission Springs Water District West Valley Water Reclamation Program  
SCH# 2019029091

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Mission Springs Water District West Valley Water Reclamation Program draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

**Danny Friend**  
Mission Springs Water District  
66575 Second Street  
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-3711

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2019029091  
**Project Title** Mission Springs Water District West Valley Water Reclamation Program  
**Lead Agency** Mission Springs Water District

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**Type** NOP Notice of Preparation  
**Description** Mission Springs Water District (MSWD or District), as the Lead Agency pursuant to CEQA, is proposing to implement a West Valley Water Reclamation program (WVWRP) that includes constructing municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems that will facilitate the elimination of individual septic systems that overlie the Mission Creek aquifer. The WVWRP has three components: construction of a wastewater treatment plant (the WVVRF), construction of a conveyance system connection existing sewer areas to the WVVRF, and construction a collection system for the GQPP Area M2 (to be served by the WVVRF). The District's WVVRF will be installed and begin operation of Phase 1 with design flow of 1.5 million gallons per day.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

**Name** Danny Friend  
**Agency** Mission Springs Water District  
**Phone** (760) 329-6448 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 66575 Second Street  
**City** Desert Hot Springs **State** CA **Zip** 92240-3711

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**Project Location**

**County** Riverside  
**City** Desert Hot Springs  
**Region**  
**Cross Streets** 20th Ave., and Little Morongo Rd  
**Lat / Long** 33° 52' 24" N / 116° 31' 48" W  
**Parcel No.**  
**Township** 3S **Range** 4E **Section** 14 **Base** SBBM

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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** 10  
**Airports**  
**Railways** Union Pacific/Amtrak  
**Waterways** Mission Creek  
**Schools**  
**Land Use** Light Industrial

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**Project Issues** Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Coastal Zone; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Fiscal Impacts; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Housing; Landuse; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Septic System; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Water Quality; Water Supply

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6; Caltrans, District 8; Native American Heritage Commission; Cal Fire; Public Utilities Commission; Air Resources Board, Major Industrial Projects; State Water Resources Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7

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**Date Received** 02/15/2019 **Start of Review** 02/15/2019 **End of Review** 03/18/2019

# NOP Distribution List

County: Riverside

SCH#

2019029091

## Resources Agency

### Resources Agency

Nadell Gayou

- ☐ Dept. of Boating & Waterways
- ☐ Denise Peterson

### California Coastal Commission

Allyson Hitt

### Colorado River Board

Elsa Contreras

### Dept. of Conservation

Crina Chan

### Cal Fire

Dan Foster

### Central Valley Flood Protection Board

James Herola

### Office of Historic Preservation

Ron Parsons

### Dept. of Parks & Recreation Environmental Stewardship Section

### S.F. Bay Conservation & Dev't. Comm.

Steve Goldbeck

### Dept. of Water Resources

Nadell Gayou

### Fish and Game

### Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

Scott Flint

### Environmental Services Division

### Fish & Wildlife Region 1

Curt Babcock

### Fish & Wildlife Region 1E

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### Fish & Wildlife Region 2

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### Fish & Wildlife Region 3

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### Fish & Wildlife Region 4

Julie Vance

### Fish & Wildlife Region 5

Leslie Newton-Reed

### Habitat Conservation Program

### Fish & Wildlife Region 6

Tiffany Ellis

### Habitat Conservation Program

### Fish & Wildlife Region 6 I/M

Heidi Calvert

### Inyo/Mono, Habitat Conservation Program

### Dept. of Fish & Wildlife M

William Paznokas

Marine Region

### Other Departments

### California Department of Education

Lesley Taylor

### OES (Office of Emergency Services)

Monique Wilber

### Food & Agriculture

Sandra Schubert

### Dept. of Food and Agriculture

Agiculture

### Dept. of General Services

Cathy Buck

### Environmental Services Section

Marcelino Gonzalez

### Housing & Comm. Dev.

CEQA Coordinator

### Housing Policy Division

Eric Vink

### Delta Stewardship Council

Anthony Navasero

### California Energy Commission

Eric Knight

### Native American Heritage Comm.

Debbie Treadway

### Public Utilities Commission

Supervisor

### Santa Monica Bay Restoration

Guangyu Wang

### State Lands Commission

Jennifer Deleong

### Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)

Cherry Jacques

### Cal State Transportation Agency CalSTA

### Caltrans - Division of Aeronautics

Philip Crimmins

### Caltrans - Planning

HQ LD-IGR

### California Highway Patrol

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### Dept. of Transportation

### Caltrans, District 1

Rex Jackman

### Caltrans, District 2

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### Caltrans, District 4

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### Caltrans, District 5

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### Caltrans, District 6

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### Caltrans, District 10

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### Caltrans, District 11

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### Caltrans, District 12

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### Cal EPA

### Air Resources Board

Jack Wursten

### Transportation Projects

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### Industrial/Energy Projects

Mike Tollstrup

### California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery

Kevin Taylor/Jeff Esquivel

### State Water Resources Control Board

Regional Programs Unit

### State Water Resources Control Board

Cindy Forbes - Asst Deputy

### State Water Resources Control Board

Div. Drinking Water #

### State Water Resources Control Board

Student Intern, 401 Water Quality Certification Unit

### State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Quality

### State Water Resources Control Board

Phil Crader

### Dept. of Toxic Substances Control Reg. #

CEQA Tracking Center

### Department of Pesticide Regulation

CEQA Coordinator

### Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

#### RWQCB 1

Cathleen Hudson

#### RWQCB 2

Environmental Document Coordinator

#### RWQCB 3

San Francisco Bay Region (2)

#### RWQCB 4

Central Coast Region (3)

#### RWQCB 5

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 6

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 7

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 8

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 9

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#### RWQCB 10

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#### RWQCB 11

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 12

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 13

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 14

Central Valley Region (5)

#### RWQCB 15

Central Valley Region (5)

Coahuila Valley  
Conservancy Waters

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613

For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH 2019020091

**Project Title:** Mission Springs Water District West Valley Water Reclamation Program

Lead Agency: Mission Springs Water District

Contact Person: Danny Friend

Mailing Address: 66575 2nd St

Phone: (760) 329-6448

City: Desert Hot Springs

Zip: 92240

County: Riverside

**Project Location:** County: Riverside

City/Nearest Community: Desert Hot Springs

Cross Streets: 20th Avenue &amp; Little Morongo Road

Zip Code: 92240

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 52 ' 24 " N / 116 ° 31 ' 48 " W Total Acres: 60 acres

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A

Section: 14

Twp.: 3S

Range: 4E

Base: SBBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 10

Waterways: Mission Creek

Airports: n/a

Railways: Union Pacific / Amtrak

Schools:

**Document Type:**

CEQA: ☒ NOP  
☐ Early Cons  
☐ Neg Dec  
☐ Mit Neg Dec

☐ Draft EIR  
☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR  
(Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA:

☐ NOI  
☐ EA  
☐ Draft EIS  
☐ CONST

Other: ☐ Joint Document  
☐ Final Document  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Local Action Type:**

☐ General Plan Update  
☐ General Plan Amendment  
☐ General Plan Element  
☐ Community Plan

☐ Specific Plan  
☒ Master Plan  
☐ Planned Unit Development  
☒ Site Plan

☐ Rezone  
☐ Prezone  
☐ Use Permit  
☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation  
☐ Redevelopment  
☐ Coastal Permit  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Waste Treatment: Type Wastewater TP MGD 1.5  
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Other: Sewage Pipeline

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

☒ Aesthetic/Visual  
☒ Agricultural Land  
☒ Air Quality  
☒ Archeological/Historical  
☒ Biological Resources  
☒ Coastal Zone  
☒ Drainage/Absorption  
☒ Economic/Jobs

☒ Fiscal  
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding  
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard  
☒ Geologic/Seismic  
☒ Minerals  
☒ Noise  
☒ Population/Housing Balance  
☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Recreation/Parks  
☒ Schools/Universities  
☒ Septic Systems  
☒ Sewer Capacity  
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  
☒ Solid Waste  
☒ Toxic/Hazardous  
☒ Traffic/Circulation

☐ Vegetation  
☒ Water Quality  
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater  
☐ Wetland/Riparian  
☒ Growth Inducement  
☒ Land Use  
☒ Cumulative Effects  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Light Industrial

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #7
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #6	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 15, 2019 Ending Date March 18, 2019

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Tom Dodson &amp; Associates</u>	Applicant: <u>Mission Springs Water District</u>
Address: <u>2150 N. Arrowhead Avenue</u>	Address: <u>66575 2nd St</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>San Bernardino, CA 92405</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240</u>
Contact: <u>Tom Dodson</u>	Phone: <u>(760) 329-6448</u>
Phone: <u>(909) 882-3612</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/14/2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

**TOM DODSON & ASSOCIATES**  
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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**DATE:** February 14, 2019

**JOB NO:** MS-257

**DESCRIPTION/  
REFERENCE:** MSWD West Valley Water  
Reclamation Program

**ATTN:** State Clearinghouse

Mailed: ☐ Regular Mail ☐ Certified Mail ☒ Overnight ☐ Courier ☐ Hand Delivered ☐ Other

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1		Notice of Completion
15		Notice of Preparation for MSWD West Valley Water Reclamation Program Project (February 2019)

Sent for Your: ☐ Approval ☐ Review ☐ Comments ☐ Per Your Request ☐ Files  
☐ Signature ☐ Use ☐ Information ☒ Posting/Distribution ☐

**Remarks:** For posting and distribution. Please call if any questions.

**TOM DODSON & ASSOCIATES**

copies to:

**By:** Christine Camacho  
Office Manager

Luis Santos, MSWD