

**Apple Valley Heights County Water District**

9429 Cerra Vista Street

Apple Valley, CA 92308

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Title:** Storage Tanks and Transmission Pipeline Improvements Project  
**Date:** February 19, 2019  
**SWRCB FA No.** D17-02032  
**Lead Agency:** Apple Valley Heights County Water District  
**Contact Person:** Daniel Smith, General Manager

**Project Description**

Apple Valley Heights County Water District (AVHCWD) is located within the Victor Valley of unincorporated western San Bernardino County, less than 0.5 miles southeast of the Town of Apple Valley, California (Figure 1). AVHCWD's service area is approximately 10 miles southeast of Victorville, 25 miles north of San Bernardino, and covers an area of approximately 1.4 square miles. AVHCWD's service area ranges in elevation from 3,110 to 3,640 feet above mean sea level, sloping downward generally to the north. The main land uses in this area are residential, small commercial, and small agricultural. Residences utilize individual septic systems for wastewater treatment and disposal.

AVHCWD supplies potable water service to residents within its service area for domestic use. Sections of AVHCWD's potable water system have a history of pipeline breaks that result in shutdowns of water supply to AVHCWD customers. AVHCWD has also received documentation from State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (formerly the California Department of Public Health), which noted potential deficiencies in storage capacity and source capacity.

AVHCWD is proposing to improve an existing water storage tank site (Mesa Vista Tank Site), install a direct transmission pipeline to the tank site, install a distribution pipeline parallel to the transmission pipeline, make improvements to the existing well sites and install interconnections with two adjacent water systems.

**Declaration**

AVHCWD has determined that the above project, with mitigation measures, would have no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement of an environmental impact report. The determination is based on the attached Initial Study and the following findings:

1. The Project will not degrade environmental quality, substantially reduce habitat, cause a wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, reduce the number or restrict the range of special-status species, or eliminate important examples of California history or prehistory.
2. The Project does not have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
3. The Project will not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
4. The Project will not have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

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5. No substantial evidence exists that the Project will have a negative or adverse effect on the environment.
6. The Project incorporates all applicable mitigation measures or environmental commitments identified in the Initial Study (attached).
7. This Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency.

#### **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)**

A Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) was prepared for the project and made part of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration to address and mitigate potential impacts to cultural and paleontological resources.

#### **Document Review and Availability**

The public comment period will be until 5:00pm on March 25, 2019. The Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the following locations:

Apple Valley Heights County Water District  
9429 Cerra Vista Street  
Apple Valley, CA 92308

Newton T. Bass Branch Library  
14901 Dale Evans Parkway  
Apple Valley, CA 92307

on line: <http://www.applevalleyheightscountywaterdistrict.com/>

Submit comments to:

by mail,

by e-mail,

Apple Valley Heights County Water District    avhcwd@yahoo.com  
P.O. Box 938  
Apple Valley, CA 92307  
Attn: Daniel Smith, General Manager

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be received until 5:00pm on March 25, 2019.

#### **Public Hearing**

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 the Board of the Apple Valley Heights County Water District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Storage Tanks and Transmission Pipeline Improvements Project for the Apple Valley Heights County Water District and the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held at 6:00pm at the Apple Valley Heights County Water District's office, located at 9429 Cerra Vista Street, Apple Valley, California.



<p>4 Miles</p> <p>Service Layer Credits: USGS The National Map, National Boundaries Dataset, National Elevation Dataset, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau: TIGER/Line, HERE Road Data</p>		<p>N</p>	
<p><b>NV5</b></p> <p>1 W DEER VALLEY ROAD BUILDING 2, SUITE 305 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85027 Tel: 623.374.6537 Fax: 623.738.3690</p>	<p><b>PROJECT VICINITY</b> INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</p>		<p>FOR:</p> <p>Apple Valley Heights County Water District</p>
	<p><b>FIGURE 1</b></p>		<p>DES. RCD    DR. RCD    CHN.</p>
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