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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period commencing March 15 and concluding on April 15, 2019.

Project Title: Ojai Water System Improvements Project

Project Location: City of Ojai and Unincorporated Ventura County (see details below under the heading *Brief Project Description* for locations of specific proposed improvements)

Brief Project Description: The Ojai Water System Improvements Project (proposed project) involves the replacement of pipeline segments to improve fire flow and/or which are approaching the end of their service life. The proposed project replaces approximately eight miles of pipeline segments throughout the Ojai system service area, and includes plans to rehabilitate two tanks, demolish three existing tanks, and construct up to one new tank; rehabilitate one booster pump station, upgrade an additional pump station, demolish and construct two new pump stations, and abandon one pump station; and rehabilitate or replace six active wells in the Ojai system. The proposed project also includes potential construction of a new well in the Ojai system. Well rehabilitation or construction of a new well would restore groundwater production capacity lost due to aging infrastructure over time and would not increase pumping beyond the design capacity of wells in the Ojai Water System. The majority of the project alignment would be in the city of Ojai, with some pipeline, tank, well, and booster pump station improvements occurring in unincorporated portions of Ventura County north and south of the city of Ojai. Pipeline replacements would occur along the following roadway segments: Grand Avenue (from Montgomery Street to near San Antonio Creek), Aliso Street (from Foothill Road to Montgomery Street), Foothill Road (from El Toro Road to Aliso Street), Palomar Road (from northern terminus to El Camino Road), Montgomery Street (from Aliso Street to Grand Avenue), Del Norte Road (below Arbolada Reservoir), Emily Street (from East Summer Street to Raymond Street), Ventura Street (from Ojai Avenue to Summer Street), Cuyama Road (from Sierra Road to El Paseo Road), El Paseo Road (from Sierra Road to Cuyama Road), Topa Topa Drive (from Ojai Avenue to San Antonio Street), San Antonio Street (from Topa Topa Drive to unnamed drive at 411 San Antonio Street), Crestview Drive (from Santa Ana Street to approximately 300 feet south of Santa Ana Street – eastern intersection), Canada Street (from Matilija Street to Summer Street), Sunset Place (from Mountain View Avenue to Grandview Avenue), Country Club Drive (from Ojai Valley Inn and Spa to approximately 400 feet south of Oak Drive), West and East Ojai Avenue (from Bristol Road/San Antonio Street to El Paseo Road; from Ventura Street to Oak Glen Avenue), Lion Street (from Aliso Street to Grand Avenue), Pleasant Avenue (from Drown Avenue to Daly Road), Daly Road (from Pleasant Avenue to Montgomery Street), Verano Drive (from Cuyama Road to terminus), Park Avenue (from Signal Street to Olive Street), Blanche Street (from West Topa Topa Street to Santa Ana Street), Santa Ana Street (from Blanche Street to Ventura Street), and Fairway Lane (from Ojai Avenue to terminus). Refer to Figure 1, Project Site Vicinity, for a depiction of the proposed project improvements.

There are no known active hazardous materials sites in the project area; however, according to the environmental database review, the project alignment overlaps numerous closed cleanup sites for hazardous materials compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. These closed sites are predominately located along the State Route 150 corridor portion of the project alignment. Mitigation has been incorporated to reduce potential environmental impacts associated with the unanticipated discovery of contaminated soil or groundwater.

Public Meeting: The CMWD Board of Directors will consider the project at the Board of Directors meeting held at 3:00PM on the 24th of April in the Casitas Board Room at the CMWD District Offices, 1055 Ventura Avenue, Oak View, CA 93022.

30-Day Document Review: The document is available for review during normal business hours at CMWD's district offices located at: 1055 Ventura Avenue, Oak View, CA 93022. The documents may be found online at: <http://www.casitaswater.org>.

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