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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared and intends to adopt a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Phase III A-2 segment of the Valley View Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation project described below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. and CEQA-Plus federal requirements. The Initial Study (IS) prepared for the proposed project identifies potentially adverse effects of the project and includes mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts to less than significant. Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review and inspection at CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211 and on the CVWD's website at: www.cvwd.org. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 20-day public review period, commencing February 28, 2022 and ending March 21, 2022.

Project Title: Phase III A-2 Transmission Main, Valley View Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the eastern portion of the greater Coachella Valley within Riverside County, California near the community of Thermal. Highway 111 transects the project area at Airport Boulevard. The project would be installed within County of Riverside, Union Pacific Railroad, City of Coachella, and privately-owned properties, as well as County of Riverside roadway right-of-way. Although the general location of the proposed pipeline has been determined, the precise alignment would depend on what easements CVWD can obtain from landowners as design is finalized. Potential parcels include Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 763350024, APN 763350014, APN 763350025, APN 763350009, APN 763350028, APN 763350030, APN 763350013, and APN 763330006. More specifically, the project is located in Township 6 south, Range 8 east, and Section 15 of the United States Geological Survey Indio 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

<u>Project Description</u>: Construction of the proposed Phase III A-2 Transmission Main would support completion of the Valley View Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project, which would address potable water public health concerns, reliability, and water quality for nine small water systems (SWSs) in rural disadvantaged communities that are not currently connected to the CVWD potable water distribution system. The SWSs include the Campos MHP, De Leon Ranch, Desert View MHP, Luciano Valenzuela MHP, Magdaleno Lopez, Meza's Ranch, Soto Water, Valley View MHP, and Vista Norte Estates.

The project proposes the construction of up to 3,500 linear feet (0.67 mile) of potable water pipe, ranging in size from 30 to 32 inches in diameter, that would connect to the existing CVWD water main on Palm Street and continue east under Highway 111, Union Pacific Railroad and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel to Airport Boulevard. The Transmission Main would be installed using open trench methods, except where it would cross under the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, Union Pacific Railroad, and Highway 111 using trenchless installation techniques. The pipeline is a connecting segment between two



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existing water mains that is needed to deliver potable water to the nine independent Valley View MHP SWSs being consolidated onto the CVWD potable water system.

<u>Public Meeting:</u> CVWD's Board of Directors will consider the proposed project at a future publicly-advertised Board of Directors meeting. Board of Directors meetings are live-streamed from CVWD's website at www.cvwd.org Please check the agenda for additional meeting details. Agendas are posted at least 72 hours before the meeting date.

20-Day Document Review: The document may be reviewed online at: www.cvwd.org. The public review period will last 20 days because the document is a Subsequent analysis of a Mitigated Negative Declaration previously submitted to the State Clearinghouse.

<u>Contact Person:</u> Written comments may be submitted to: William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: wpatterson@cvwd.org

