



# COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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June 23, 2020

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Dear «Contact\_»:

Subject: Sanitation Master Plan Update Project  
Formal Notification of Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation  
Regarding Tribal Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
Public Resources Code (PRC) §21080.3.1: AB 52 (Gatto, 2014)

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is conducting AB52 consultation for the *Sanitation Master Plan Update Project* (proposed project). Please consider this letter and preliminary project information as the initiation for AB52 Consultation for Tribal Resources under CEQA PRC §21080.3.1; AB 52 (Gatto, 2014).

CVWD's Environmental Services Department staff would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the proposed project and AB52 compliance. Please respond within 30 days if you would like to consult on this project.

CVWD understands that Tribal information submitted to our agency shall be kept confidential (PRC §21082.3(c)(1)). The purpose of AB52 consultation is to obtain Tribal expertise on the subject project area (PRC §21080.3.1(a)) via Tribal submittal of comments, information and/or project design measures.

According to the State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research's *Discussion Draft Technical Advisory: AB 52 and Tribal Cultural Resources in CEQA* report (May 2015), the consultation process shall be considered concluded when either: 1) The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or 2) A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached (PRC §21080.3.2(b)).

Included for your information is a brief description of the proposed project and location (figure enclosed), and lead agency contact person pursuant to PRC §21080.3.1(d).

Brief Description of the Proposed Project and Location:

The *Sanitation Master Plan Update Project* provides a comprehensive, long-term capital improvement program consisting of recommendations to refurbish existing assets, optimize operations, and satisfy projected capacity needs of all sanitation facilities (collection system including gravity pipelines, force mains, lift stations, and the five water reclamation plants [WRPs]) in a phased program to be implemented from 2021 through 2040. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to plan the expansion and upgrades of CVWD's sanitation system within CVWD service area boundaries (Figure1) for a planning period of 20 years in order to provide sustainable, cost-effective service to CVWD's current and future customers.

The Sanitation Master Plan Update:

- ✓ Adjusts the actual-population-to-date accounting for the slowdown in growth that occurred post 2007
- ✓ Updates the flow and loading projections to the WRPs and evaluates capacity
- ✓ Collects operational and water quality data and Biowin models for each WRP to identify loading capacity and opportunities for process improvements
- ✓ Updates the system and pump station hydraulic modeling and evaluates capacity
- ✓ Addresses current regulatory requirements and addresses potential future regulatory orders for nutrient and salinity controls of discharges to receiving waters and infiltration basins
- ✓ Provides marketing options and a strategy for implementing a recycled water program at WRP 4
- ✓ Provides condition-based horizontal and vertical asset replacement projects for the collection system and WRPs
- ✓ Updates the biosolids management plan and describes potential legislative changes and implications for CVWD
- ✓ Baselines performance of the WRPs and proposes improvements to optimize process operations and reduce energy and operational & maintenance cost
- ✓ Presents a plan for CVWD to be able to convert septic-to-sewer areas to CVWD's centralized system as grant funding opportunities materialize

The proposed Collection System improvements include adding approximately 174 miles of gravity and force main pipelines to increase system capacity, upsizing of gravity pipelines, cleaning and inspecting pipelines, trenchless rehabilitation of pipelines and manholes, replacement of electrical equipment and wiring at lift stations, replacement of lift stations, and a new non-potable water distribution system in the service area.

The proposed Water Reclamation Plant improvements include plant and process equipment capacity upgrades/expansion, replacement of assets, addition of process monitoring and controls, improvements to reduce energy consumptions, safety and security upgrades, addition of solar power, backup power generation, floating covers, addition of tanks and reservoirs, primary treatment and tertiary treatment, replacement of liners, and pilot projects. The Proposed Project also includes biosolids management plans for a regional facility, and standardization of Operations and Maintenance improvements across all WRPs.

Contact:

If you have any questions regarding the project or content of this letter, please contact Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Environmental Specialist, at [emeyerhoff@cvwd.org](mailto:emeyerhoff@cvwd.org)

Sincerely,



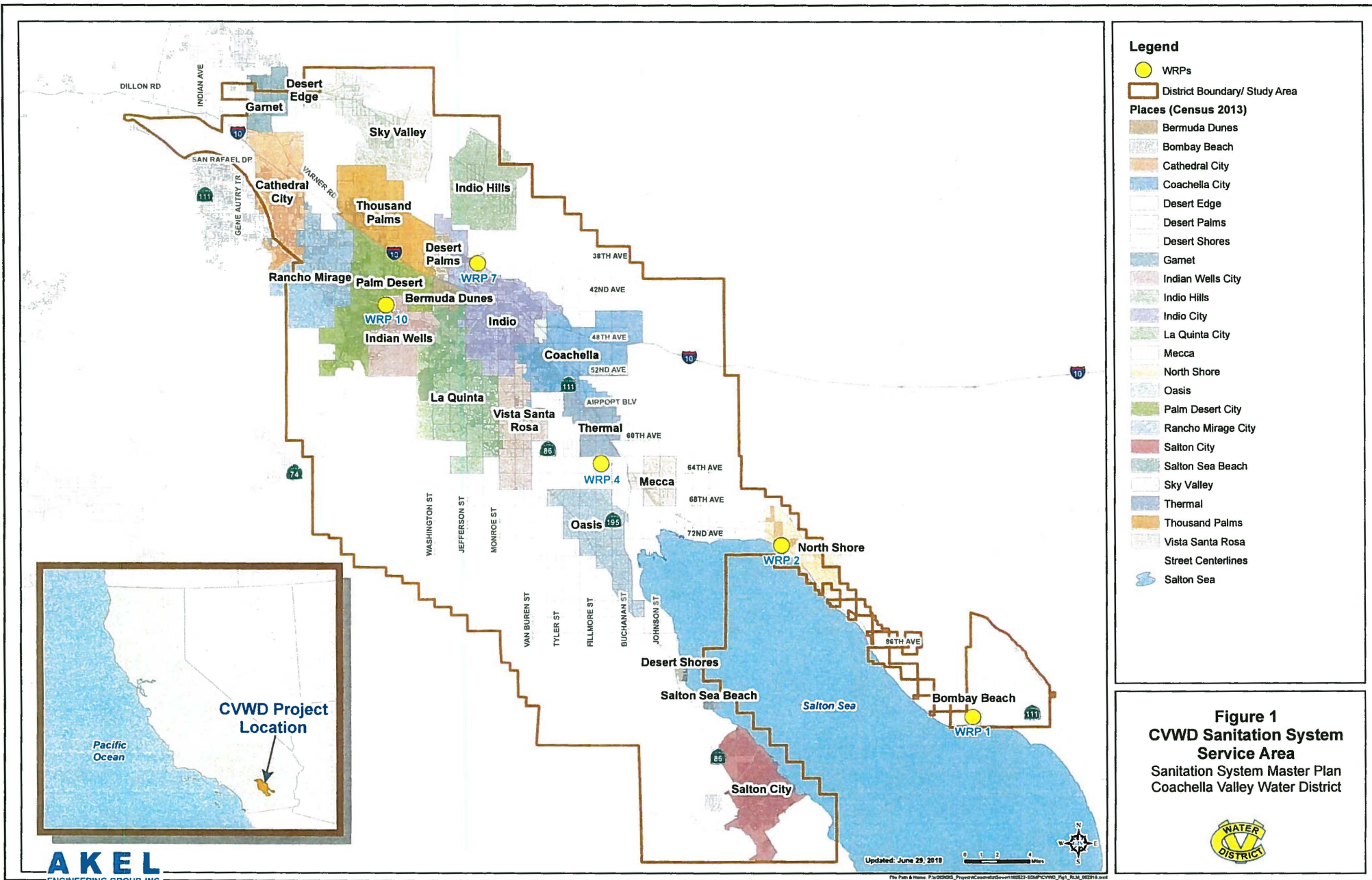
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# AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION



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July 24, 2020

[VIA EMAIL TO:WPatterson@cvwd.org]  
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## **Re: Sanitation Master Plan Update 2020**

Dear Mr. William Patterson,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Sanitation Master Plan Update 2020 project. A records check of the ACBCI cultural registry revealed that the project area is within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. In consultation the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

\*Formal government to government consultation under California Assembly Bill No. 52 (AB-52).

\* Please provide dates and times to hold a meeting. I am currently working from home and am available to meet via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or telephone conference call.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760)699-6907. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

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