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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
 “Membrane Filtration Reverse Osmosis Facility”
 City File No. ENV 19-0002, ADM 19-0032**

BACKGROUND: The City of Escondido has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project described below. The findings of this review are that the Initial Study identified effects related to biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geology, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise that might be potentially significant. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is prepared when an Initial Study identifies project related impacts that might be potentially significant, but revisions in the project plans and/or mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant would provide mitigation to a point where potential impacts to the environment are reduced to a less than significant level. The description of the project is as follows:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Escondido MFRO Facility (Facility) would provide advanced treatment for Title 22 quality reuse water produced at the City of Escondido Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF). The Facility would utilize membrane filtration (MF) (i.e., microfiltration or ultrafiltration membranes) and reverse osmosis (RO) technologies sized for a total production capacity of 2.0 million gallons per day (mgd). High quality treated water would be blended with Title 22 recycled water within an on-site blend tank. The water would then be sent through existing non-potable reuse water/agriculture pipelines and distributed to growers. The proposed project would consist of an approximately 25,000 SF commercial/industrial-like building, two storage tanks (1,000,000 gallon and 240,000 gallon), associated pumps and other on-site infrastructure, and a back-up diesel generator. The facility would be designed to accommodate installation of additional equipment in the future that would provide an additional 1.0 mgd of production capacity. The project would also include the installation of a 24-inch product water pipeline, which is a one (1)-mile long pipeline along Washington Avenue that would transport the product water easterly to an existing recycled water pipeline near Waverly Place and the Escondido Creek Flood Control Channel.

LOCATION: On the south side of W. Washington Avenue, between Rock Springs Road and Metcalf Avenue, addressed as 901 West Washington Avenue, Assessor’s Parcel No. (APN) 232 090-72-00.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The review and comment period will begin on **March 7, 2020 and end at 5:00 p.m., on April 6, 2020.** Copies of the Draft IS/MND are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 N. Broadway, and also posted on the City of Escondido web site at: <https://www.escondido.org/membrane-filtration-reverse-osmosis-facility-project.aspx>.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Adam Finestone at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-6203 or email at afinestone@escondido.org. Please refer to Case No. ENV 19-0002. A public meeting for this project has not yet been scheduled.

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