

**Notice of Determination****Appendix D****To:**

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020100292

Project Title: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Non-Potable Water Connections Project

Project Applicant: Coachella Valley Water District

Project Location (include county): Riverside County: Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells, Indio, Thousand Palms

Project Description:

Please see Attachment A for the complete Project Description.

The project consists of the construction and operation of 12 miles of non-potable water (NPW) pipeline segments and connections to provide irrigation water for seven local golf courses, one community church, and one sports and entertainment venue.

This is to advise that the Coachella Valley Water District has approved the above  
 (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on 12/08/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
 (date)  
 described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

www.cvwd.org

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Clerk of the Board

Date: December 10, 2020 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



# COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

*Established in 1918 as a public agency*

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## **Notice of Determination, Attachment A**

### **Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Non-Potable Water Connections Project**

#### **Project Description**

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The proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Non-Potable Water Connections Project ("proposed project") consists of the construction and operation of approximately 12 miles of non-potable water (NPW) pipeline segments and connections to provide irrigation water for seven local golf courses, one community church, and one sports and entertainment venue. Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is the project proponent and the Lead Agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project end user connections currently use on-site pumped groundwater or CVWD-supplied potable water for irrigation; there are no connections to canal water at this time. Under the proposed project, those water sources would shift to Blended Recycled Water provided from CVWD's existing Water Reclamation Plant No. 10 (WRP10) facility, located at 43000 Cook Street in Palm Desert. WRP10 is equipped with a tertiary treatment design capacity of 15 million gallons per day (mgd). During the winter months, when current demand for recycled water is less than the available supply, a portion of the recycled water (tertiary water) is disposed through on-site percolation/evaporation ponds, which would be eliminated as more NPW users are connected to the NPW distribution system. The NPW pipeline would be installed in 200-foot-long segments, to limit project construction activities and associated disturbance to surrounding land uses. Refer to Figure 1, Project Location, for a depiction of the proposed project alignment in relation to city and county boundaries. The project corridor is not included on any lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

CVWD's 2002 Water Management Plan (WMP) and 2010 WMP Update set forth several groundwater source substitution projects, including the provision of NPW for irrigation of golf courses that currently pump groundwater for irrigation use. On July 17, 2019, CVWD obtained approval of the 2010 WMP from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as an "Alternative Plan" in compliance with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The key water management plan elements of the "Alternative Plan" include water conservation, water supply augmentation, groundwater recharge, and source substitution. The proposed project is part of the source substitution element. The proposed project would reduce groundwater overdraft in accordance with the water management goals and objectives of both the 2002 WMP and the 2010 WMP Update. In keeping with the goals identified in the WMP, the purpose of the proposed project is to:

- Provide up to 6,500 AFY of NPW for irrigation use in CVWD's service area
- Reduce groundwater overdraft in accordance with the water management goals and objectives of both the 2002 WMP and the 2010 WMP Update



**Figure 1- Project Location**

