MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: Office of Planning & Research Mission Springs Water District From: State Clearinghouse

66575 Second Street

1400 Tenth Street Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 Sacramento, CA 95814

and

Riverside County, County Clerk 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: MSWD AREAS H AND I SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

SCH Number: To be assigned

Project Location: The MSWD service area is located in southern California within the northwestern

> portion of the Coachella Valley. The project will occur within various roadways generally located south of Desert View Avenue, west of Mountain View Road. and east of Miracle Hill Road. The southern boundary of the project site is about a half mile south of Hacienda Avenue. The roadways within which the proposed

sewer improvements will be located include:

Agua Cayendo Road

Cuando Way Oro Lomo Street

Suerte Way

Tunitas Road

Eliseo Road

Miracle Hill Road

Cerrita Way

Pequena Drive

Cielo Azul Way

Loma Vista Road

Hidalgo Street

Hermano Way

Inaja Street

Quinta Way

Monterico Road

Alameda Drive

Arena Blanca Road

Oris Drive

Key Way

Monterey Road

The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Seven Palms Valley, CA, and is located in Section 33, Township 2 South and Range 5 East. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 33.95020°, -116.48380°.

Project Description:

The District developed a Groundwater Quality Protection Program (GQPP) to protect and preserve the quality of its most valuable natural resource, groundwater. The overall GQPP is designed to protect groundwater quality from degradation by discharges from septic tank leach-fields.

MSWD proposes to construct 30,000 lineal feet of new sewer pipeline that would be 8-inch in size within GQPP Sub Areas H and I of the District's service area, within an area of approximately 220 acres. As stated above, the installation of this new sewer pipeline would convert areas within MSWD's service area from septic system to a sewer system. This project pertains to Sub Areas H and I and would install the pipeline required to connect 678 parcels to the MSWD sewer system and abate over 468 on-site septic systems.

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Proje	ect Sp	oonsor(s):	Mission Springs Water District		
	The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.				
	The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:				
	(1)	proposed Ne	the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this egative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,		
	(2)	There is no	substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a		

significant effect on the environment.

Since the State has issued an Executive Order during the threat of COVID-19 and the MSWD Offices may be closed to the public; a copy of the Initial Study will be available at the MSWD Offices (66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240), electronically at their website https://www.mswd.org/plans.aspx, and may also be obtained by contacting Tom Dodson & Associates at (909) 882-3612. The period of review will be from May 19, 2021 and ends on June 17, 2021 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Danny Friend at the address listed below no later than June 17, 2021 by 5:00 PM.

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	Director of Engineering and Operations	May 11, 2021
Signature	Title	Date
Date received for filing and posting	Clerk of the Board o	of Supervisors