

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and San Bernardino County Clerk

Project Title: Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion Project

Lead Agency: West Valley Water District, 855 W Base Line Road, Rialto, CA 92377

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Review Period: August 9, 2021 to September 9, 2021

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, West Valley Water District (WVWD) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion Project.

Project Description and Location

The proposed Project Site is located within the City of Rialto at the existing Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility (RWFF), which is bound by Riverside Avenue to the north, Cedar Avenue to the east, and Linden Avenue to the west. All improvements would be confined to this facility with exception of the new 30-inch water pipeline that would extend from the RWFF through Open Space, to North Linden Drive, to existing water storage reservoirs located at the end of West Via Bello Drive.

The WVWD is proposing to expand the RWFF from the current 14.4 mgd to 21.6 mgd to treat additional State Water Project water, and includes the following Project elements: install three new Trident filtration units; replace the existing UV reactors, adjust the Granular Activated Carbon system form series to parallel mode; enhance the Backwash Settling Ponds, install water booster pumps; construct a new influent pump station, install a 30-inch treated water conveyance pipeline from the RWFF to the reservoirs; and repair, rehabilitate, and improve other existing infrastructure.

The Project would not be located on a site enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code related to hazardous waste disposal.

Potential Environmental Impacts: The proposed MND did not find any potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period will extend from August 9 to September 9, 2021. The IS/MND is available for public review online at wwwd.org. Please email any comments on the IS/MND by 5 PM on September 9, 2021 to Linda Jadeski at ljadeski@wvwd.org.

After the review period closes, the WVWD Board of Directors Meeting will consider adopting the IS/MND for the project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM. We encourage you to check the WVWD's webpage to confirm the date, time, location and format (live or online) of the Board meeting at the following website address: https://wwwd.org/about/meetings-events/.