

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Ion Exchange Treatment Plant (IXTP) Replacement project described below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq and CEQA-Plus federal requirements. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period, commencing August 20, 2021, and ending September 20, 2021.

Project Title: IXTP 7991 Replacement Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the Coachella Valley of central Riverside County within the community of Mecca, California. The proposed project site is located east of State Route 111 and approximately 0.5 miles south of Mecca, along Hammond Road. The proposed project site consists of one parcel, APN 727-272-008, which is owned by CVWD.

Brief Project Description: The proposed project would replace IXTP facilities that treat arsenic in groundwater pumped from CVWD's Well 7991. The proposed project would replace the existing 1,000-gpm ion exchange treatment system with a new 2,000-gpm capacity treatment system. The proposed project consists of replacing the existing IXTP 7991 with a new adsorption treatment system, sulfuric acid and caustic soda systems within a new building on site, backwash pumps and piping, pre-filters, backwash tank, well pump, and demolition of the existing IXTP. Refer to the attached figure for a depiction of the proposed project area.

Public Meeting: CVWD's Board of Directors will consider the proposed project at a publicly-noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. Meetings are typically held at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, located at 75-515 Hovley Lane East in Palm Desert, California, 92211; however, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, CVWD offices are closed to the public and Board of Directors meetings are live-streamed from CVWD's website at www.cvwd.org

30-Day Document Review: The document may be reviewed online at: www.cvwd.org

<u>Contact Person:</u> Written comments may be submitted to: William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: <u>wpatterson@cvwd.org</u>

