

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	<b>Indian Wells Valley Water District</b>
Project Name:	<b>1.0 MG B-Zone, 1.0 MG C-Zone, 0.1 MG D-Zone, and 0.55 MG E-Zone Reservoirs Project</b>
Project Description:	The Project generally consists of construction and operation of four welded steel potable water storage reservoirs on District-owned sites currently occupied by existing District facilities. The new 1.0 million gallon (MG) B-Zone (Gateway) Reservoir will be constructed on the District's Gateway Site, to the west of the existing 0.6 MG Gateway Reservoir. The new 1.0 MG C-Zone Reservoir will be constructed on the District's C-1 Site, replacing the District's existing 0.4 MG C-Zone Reservoir, to the north of the existing 1.0 MG C-Zone Reservoir. The new 0.1 MG D-Zone Reservoir will be constructed on the District's existing Salisbury Site, replacing the District's existing 0.1 MG D-Zone Reservoir, located near the southwest corner of the Salisbury Site. The new 0.55 MG E-Zone (College) Reservoir will be constructed on the District's existing College Tank Site, to the northeast of the existing 0.55 MG College Reservoir. The Project also includes demolition and removal of the reservoirs that are being replaced, as mentioned above. The Project is described in additional detail in the Initial Study, a copy of which is available for review at the location described below.
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Project is located at four District-owned sites containing existing District reservoirs. The Gateway Site is located at the southwest corner of East Jarvis Avenue and South Gateway Boulevard, on property identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 343-120-46 in the City of Ridgecrest; the C-1 Site is located approximately 1.2 miles southeast of the intersection of College Heights Boulevard and Jarvis Avenue, approximately 0.3 mile northeasterly of Cerro Coso Community College, on property identified as APN 343-120-47 in the City of Ridgecrest; the Salisbury Site is located approximately 0.1 mile southeast of the eastern terminus of Belle Vista Street, on property identified as APN 343-120-44, east of the City of Ridgecrest, in an unincorporated area of Kern County; the College Tank Site is located approximately one mile southeast of the intersection of Jarvis Avenue and Sunland Street (RC 27) and approximately 0.3 mile southeast of Cerro Coso Community College, on property identified as APN 343-140-14, south of the City of Ridgecrest, in an unincorporated area of Kern County; with all Project sites located within Kern County, California.
The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the State's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.</b>	
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: <b>500 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, CA 93555</b> , and also on the Lead	

Agency's website at <a href="http://www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports">www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports</a> .	
Lead Agency address: <b>500 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, CA 93555</b>	
Comments will be received from <b>October 1, 2021</b> to <b>October 30, 2021</b> .	
<b>Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to October 30, 2021.</b> Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	
The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:	
<b>Date: November 8, 2021</b>	<b>Time: 6:00 PM</b>
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.	

Date Received  
for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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