WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 From:

West Valley Water District 855 W Baseline Road Rialto, CA 92376

and

San Bernardino County **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors** 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

Project Title: 18-inch Transmission Main Installation Project

- SCH Number: To be assigned
- **Project Location:** The project will occur within the northern portion of the West Valley Water District (WVWD or District) within an easement between Lytle Creek Road to the north and Citrus Avenue to the south traversing under the Interstate-15 (I-15) Freeway within Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the City of Fontana. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Devore, CA, and is located in Section 18, Township 1 North and Range 5 West. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 34.171502°, -117.453627°.
- **Project Description:** The District's service area includes Pressure Zone 7, which is north of Pressure Zone 6 in WVWD's North System. Storage in this area is provided by District Reservoirs (R7-1, R7-2, R7-3, and R7-4) located on Lytle Creek Road. There is currently no source of supply within Pressure Zone 7, as water is boosted from the Lower Pressure Zones (4, 5, and 6) to serve that area. As such, the District is proposing a new 650 LF 18-inch transmission main to facilitate supply to accommodate the increase in development that is projected to occur in Pressure Zone 7.

WVWD proposes to install approximately 650 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch transmission main within Pressure Zone 7. The proposed transmission main will connect to an existing 18-inch transmission main at Lytle Creek Road and bore under the Ontario I-15 freeway and terminate at Citrus Avenue in an unimproved area. Approximately 250 LF of 18-inch diameter pipe will be trenched in the unimproved area. The proposed pits for the jack and bore will be approximately 40 feet in length and 20 feet in width and will be located outside the Caltrans right-of-way. The pipeline that will traverse under the I-15 includes trenchless installation of approximately 325 LF of 18-inch diameter carrier pipe in a 30-inch diameter casing under the I-15 Freeway to connect to segments at either side of the freeway. The segments of pipeline will be installed mostly within undisturbed areas between Lytle Creek Road and Citrus Avenue.

Project Sponsor(s): West Valley Water District

This is to advise that West Valley Water District, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

- 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:

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- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the 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.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the District based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the District's website (www.wvwd.org) or it can be obtained at the District's physical address at:

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The proposed Mitiga ed Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on August 1, 2022 and ends on August 30, 2022.

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Date received for filing and posting

 \square Clerk of the Board of Supervisors \square OPR