NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Public Agency	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)	
Project Name	Sedco Hills Septic to Sewer Project	
Project Description	The proposed Project would include the conversion of about 750 existing septic customers to sewer, which involves installing about 40,000 linear feet of sewer main and lateral pipelines within roadway rights-of-way. The new sewer lines would connect to existing sewer mains underneath Mission Trail, Malaga Road, or Lemon Street. Should additional engineering hydraulic analysis determine that the existing 21-inch diameter sewer main in Mission Trail requires capacity increases, EVMWD also proposes installing a new 48-inch diameter sewer line in Mission Trail over a length of 3,200 linear feet. The Project is anticipated to generate 130,000 gallons per day of wastewater, which would be transported to the EVMWD Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Existing septic tanks serving the residents would be abandoned per Riverside County Department of Environmental Health requirements.	
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets.	The Project area encompasses approximately 380 acres in the northwestern portion of the City of Wildomar in Riverside County, California. The Project site is bound by Malaga Road on the north, Interstate-15 on the east, Mission Trail on the west, and Lemon Street on the south. The boundary between the City of Wildomar and the City of Lake Elsinore is located along the roadway centerline of Mission Trail and Malaga Road. The majority of the Project would occur within the City of Wildomar; however, Project activities on the west side of Mission Trail or the north side of Malaga Road would occur within the City of Lake Elsinore. Refer to Figure 1, <i>Project Location</i> , attached to this document.	

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency'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.

	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5		
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	The proposed Project IS considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.		
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	The proposed Project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.		
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	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.		
\boxtimes	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency		
If the Project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time, and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:			
Date:	Time: Location:		
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 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.			
The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format at: www.evmwd.com/septic .			
Comments will be received from January 18, 2023, through February 17, 2023. Comments may be submitted electronically to septicconversion@evmwd.net with the subject line "Sedco Hills Mitigated Negative Declaration Comments" or mailed to P.O. Box 884, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531.			
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing to the Lead Agency by February 17, 2023. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.			

The Lead Agency will consider the Project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a future public meeting. Information regarding the public meeting will be posted at: www.evmwd.com/septic.

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:	Jason Dafforn (Jan 12, 2023 10:12 PST)	
	Staff – Jason Dafforn	
(Clerk Stamp Here)	Director of Engineering and Water Resources Title	
Attachment: Figure 1, Project Location		

