BIG BEAR CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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PROJECT TITLE: BBCCSD Cinderella and Pan Springs Pipeline Replacement Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The BBCCSD service area is located in southern California within the Big Bear Valley (Valley) in the San Bernardino Mountains of San Bernardino County, California. The project will occur within various roadways generally located south of State Route 18/East North Shore Drive, east of Sequoia Drive, west of Paradise Way and north of East Tiger Lily Drive. The roadways within which the proposed pipeline improvements will be located include:

- Sequoia Drive
- East Cinderella Drive
- State Route 18/East
- North Shore Drive
- Mount Doble Drive
- Hugo Lane
- East Tiger Lily Drive
- Paradise Way
- Pan Springs Lane

The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Big Bear City, CA, and is located in Section 11, Township 2 North and Range 1 East. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 34.27071°, -116.84245°.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: BBCCSD proposes to construct approximately 4,400 lineal feet (LF) of new pipelines within the Cinderella and Pan Springs areas of Big Bear City to replace pipelines that are no longer efficient or effective, due to age or because they are undersized, improving water quality and fire flow capabilities. The project includes replacement of existing water mains with new 8-inch piping on North Shore Drive, Mount Doble Drive, Gold Mountain Drive, Cinderella Drive, Pan Springs Lane, and Tiger Lily Drive, which will be installed within the road rights-of-way along with new line side services, valves, fire hydrants, and customer service tie-ins. The existing mains and customer services will be disconnected from the water system and abandoned in place.

The project also includes abandonment of 1,390 LF of pipeline located within backyard easements between and parallel to: (1) Dumas Lane and Pan Springs Lane; and (2) Pan Springs Lane and Paradise Way. BBCCSD will coordinate with the property owners to establish the least disruptive alignment for each of the new connections (approximately 50 parcels).

FINDING: The Big Bear City Community Services District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

INITIAL STUDY: Copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are available for public review at the District's office at 139 E. Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear City, CA 92314 or are accessible online at: <u>www.bbccsd.org</u>. The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins April 12, 2023 and ends on May 11, 2023. Written comments on the MND should be mailed to Mr. Jerry Griffith at the following address PO Box 558, Big Bear City, CA 92314, or shall be emailed at the following email address: <u>jgriffith@bbccsd.org</u> no later than May 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM. For further information, please contact Mr. Jerry Griffith at (909) 584-4008 or email.

MITIGATION MEASURES: All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 91-96 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.