

ATTACHMENT 8

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In response to Resolution No. R7-2011-0004 from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Colorado River Basin Region, which prohibits the continued use of septic systems in the Town of Yucca Valley and surrounding areas due to the cumulative threat to groundwater quality, the Hi-Desert Water District (District) is undertaking the Phase II Sewer Project. The District has obtained incidental take coverage for take of western Joshua tree through the issuance of western Joshua tree Incidental Take Permit 1927-ITP-2025-009-06 (Permit) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The District will construct the main sewer line and the lateral lines up to each individual applicant's property line, and the individual applicant will be responsible for the on-lot lateral line connection and for the decommissioning of any existing septic systems (Individual Applicant Project). For each home that will be connected to either the Kickapoo Segment or the Paxton Segment of the Phase II Sewer Project, the Applicant shall assume all liability for its Individual Applicant Project as set forth below.

Applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. Applicant shall complete, or cause to be completed, its Individual Applicant Project. This work shall include any necessary removal of WJT identified in the baseline censuses completed by the District for the Permit.
2. Applicant shall complete all work for its Individual Applicant Project in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit.
3. Applicant assumes all liability for take of western Joshua tree in arising from its completion of its Individual Applicant Project, including the installation of the on-lot lateral line and decommissioning of any septic system.
4. If Applicant determines it will be necessary to remove one or more western Joshua trees that were not included in the baselines censuses completed by the District for the Permit to complete its Individual Applicant Project, Applicant agrees it will obtain an incidental take permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, or, if applicable, an incidental take permit from the Town of Yucca Valley pursuant to a delegation agreement approved by CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4, and pay the required mitigation fees to remove those additional western Joshua trees.

5. Applicant shall provide CDFW and, if applicable, the Town of Yucca Valley with reasonable access to their property and shall otherwise fully cooperate with efforts to verify compliance with, and effectiveness of, all conditions of approval set forth in the Permit

I agree to uphold all conditions regarding the aforementioned permit

I agree to follow the Plot Plan provided by the District

Subject Property:

APN: _____

Situs Address: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Name (Print)

Contractor Information (If Applicable)

Date