



DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: Hi-Desert Water District

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Project Title: Phase II and Phase III Sewer Collection System Project, Hi-Desert Water District

State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Location: The Phases II and III sewer pipelines are designed for the residential areas that are outside of the core, contiguous area of Yucca Valley and are identified in the HDWD Sewer Master Plan as *Proposed Alignments Included in Master Plan, Proposed Alignments Not Included in Master Plan, and Deferred Alignments Included in Master Plan*. The sewer pipelines will be placed generally within established roadways and easements.

Project Description: The Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) is proposing to construct approximately 64 miles of PVC sewer pipeline, 1,300 manholes and three lift stations facilities in various areas of its service territory over the next 10 years for the purpose of decreasing the reliance on septic systems in their service territory

Finding: The HDWD's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, District has made a determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study were available for review at the Crestline Sanitation District's office as well as on its website. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study was circulated for public review and comment from May 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are summarized and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as part of the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study.

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