

RESOLUTION NO. 09-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Hi-Desert Water District ("District") is a local water district serving the greater Yucca Valley area in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to construct and install a water reclamation facility, wastewater treatment plant, and collection system to eliminate existing septic systems (the "Project"), thereby reducing the amount of nitrate contamination and ensuring the protection and ultimate enhancement of water quality within the District's service area, and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 the proposed Project would involve the construction and installation of a wastewater treatment facility designed for an initial two (2) million gallons per day (MGD) treatment capacity; a sewage collection system that will serve the core developed area of the Town of Yucca Valley; and percolation basins used to return treated effluent to the Warren Valley Groundwater Basin, and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the proposed Project, if needed to protect groundwater quality and expand sewer capacity, would expand the collection, treatment, and disposal facilities to collect an additional one (1) MGD of sewage; and

WHEREAS, Phase 3 of the proposed Project, if needed, would include facilities designed to collect an additional one (1) MGD of wastewater flow for a total system capacity of four (4) MGD; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project site would be located approximately 1,000 feet south of State Route 62 (Twenty-nine Palms Highway), east of Indio Avenue, north of Sunnyslope Drive, and west of La Contenta Road in the Town of Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County, California; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project improvements would satisfy current wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal demands and are consistent with approved local planning, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal Code Regs, tit. 14 § 15000 et seq.), the District is the lead agency for the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, District staff reviewed the Project and determined that it is subject to the requirements of CEQA and prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, which concluded that the Project will not have significant impacts on the environment with mitigation, the District determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") should be prepared for the Project, and an MND was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the District provided copies of the draft MND and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment to the public and the State Clearinghouse for a thirty-day review and comment period beginning on June 9, 2009 and ending on July 9, 2009 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21091(b), and written comment letters were received by the District; and

WHEREAS, as contained here, the District has endeavored in good faith to set forth the basis for its decision on the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all of the findings and conclusions made by the District pursuant to this Resolution are based upon the oral and written evidence before it as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has reviewed the MND, Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, and all other relevant information contained in the record regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, on July, 15 2009 at a duly noticed special District Board meeting, further consideration of the proposed Project was postponed to allow staff to respond to additional public comments on the MND; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors do hereby resolve as follows.

SECTION 1. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. As the decisionmaking body for the Project, the Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND, Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, and administrative record, on file with the District and available for review at the District office, 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California 92284. The Board of Directors finds that the MND and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment have been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 2. Findings on Environmental Impacts. In the District's role as the lead agency under CEQA, the Board of Directors finds that the MND and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment contains a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project. The Board of Directors further finds that the documents have been completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the District's Local CEQA Guidelines. The Board of Directors further finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are either insignificant or can be mitigated to a level of insignificance pursuant to the mitigation measures outlined in the MND, Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Board of Directors further finds that there is no substantial evidence in the record supporting a fair argument that the Project may result in significant environmental impacts, and that all comments received regarding the Project have been examined and determined

to not modify the conclusions of the MND or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors finds that the MND contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment of the Board of Directors

SECTION 3. Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the MND prepared for the Project.

SECTION 4. Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the Project and included in the MND.

SECTION 5. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the Hi-Desert Water District office, 55439 Twenty-nine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California 92284. Mr. Joseph Glowitz, District Engineer, is the custodian of the record of proceedings

SECTION 6. Execution of Resolution. The President of the Hi-Desert Water District and its Board of Directors shall sign this Resolution and the Secretary of the Hi-Desert Water District and its Board of Directors shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Munsey, Mayes, Hough, Graham

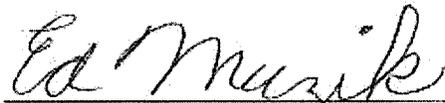
Noes:

Abstain.

Absent: Stadum


Sheldon Hough, President of Hi-Desert Water District
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Ed Muzik, Secretary of Hi-Desert Water District
and its Board of Directors

(Seal)

Notice of Determination

Receipt # 387188

To: Office of Planning and Research and County of San Bernardino
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: Hi-Desert Water District
55439 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

DATE FILED & POSTED

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Hi-Desert Water District's
Water Reclamation Facility, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System Project

OCT 13 2009

Project Title

COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO

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| SCH #2009061035 | Mr. Joe Glowitz | (760) 365-8333 |
| State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse) | Lead Agency Contact Person | Area Code/Telephone/Extension |

Project Location:

The proposed project is located within the Town of Yucca Valley in the County of San Bernardino. The proposed interim wastewater treatment plant facilities will be located approximately 1,000 feet south of State Route 62 (SR 62) (Twentynine Palms Highway), east of Indio Avenue, north of Sunnyslope Drive, and west of La Contenta Road.

Project Description:

This project consists of the construction and installation of the following components. The District intends to initially sewer the central portion of the Town of Yucca Valley to convey an annual average flow of 2 MGD of wastewater to the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) currently discharged to septic tanks. This initial project is referred to as Phase 1. In the future, if the Phase 1 facilities do not adequately protect groundwater quality, or if the RWQCB requires more areas to be sewered, or if additional capacity is needed, the collection, treatment and disposal facilities will be expanded to collect an additional 1 MGD of sewage. The additional facilities are referred to as Phase 2 facilities. Phase 3 facilities will be designed to collect an additional 1 MGD of wastewater flow for a total system capacity of 4 MGD. Ultimate build-out in the District's Yucca Valley service area could be as high as 6 MGD, but due to the area's slow rate of growth, this is not forecast to occur until the distant future. The wastewater will be treated to meet Title 22 recycled water standards/ requirements and will be delivered to recharge basins operated by the District on the WRF site to percolate the treated effluent into the Warren Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin).

The Hi-Desert Water District is seeking funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to partially pay for constructing the facilities. The BOR has made a separate environmental determination for this project consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and based on the analysis and findings contained in the final document package.

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This is to advise that the Hi-Desert Water District has approved the above described
 Lead Agency Responsible Agency

project on 10/07/09 and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:
(Date)

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project. This is to certify that the Initial Study and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Hi-Desert Water District, 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284


Signature (Public Agency)

General Manager
Title

10.8.09
Date



State of California—The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (if applicable)

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| LEAD AGENCY Hi-Desert Water District | | | DATE 10/13/09 | |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING County of San Bernardino | | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | |
| PROJECT TITLE Hi-Desert Water District's water Reclamation Facility | | | | |
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Hi-Desert Water District | | | PHONE NUMBER (909) 8333 | |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 53139 29 Palms Hwy | | CITY Yucca Valley | STATE CA | ZIP CODE 92284 |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report | \$2,768.25 | \$ <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration | \$1,993.00 | \$ <u>1993.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only) | \$850.00 | \$ <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs | \$941.25 | \$ <u> </u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee | \$50.00 | \$ <u>50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees | | \$ <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DFG No. Effect Determination (Form Attached) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | \$ <u> </u> |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other _____

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ **2043.00**

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| SIGNATURE X [Signature] | TITLE Deputy Clerk |
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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 — 916/445-0613

SCH # 2009061035

Addendum No. 1 to HDWD WRF, WWTP and Sewer Collection System (SCH#2009061035)
Consideration of District Installation of Sewer Laterals to Individual Properties

Project Title: to be Served by the Sewer Collection System and New Sewer Alignments

Lead Agency Hi-Desert Water District Contact Person Ed Muzik
Mailing Address 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway Phone (760) 365-8333
City Yucca Valley Zip 92284 County San Bernardino

Project Location: County San Bernardino City/Nearest Community Town of Yucca Valley
Cross Streets Indio Avenue/Sunnyslope Drive/La Contenta Road Zip Code 92284
Lat. / Long. 34° 07' 54" N / 116° 22' 33" W Total Acres _____
Assessor's Parcel No N/A Section N/A Twp N/A Range N/A Base SBBM
Within 2 miles: State Hwy # 62 Waterways N/A
Airports N/A Railways N/A Schools N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision) Other Installation of Sewer
Laterals & relocated sewer lines

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ Watts _____
 Education _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Wastewater collection system

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetics / Visual Fiscal Recreation / Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Floodplain / Flooding Schools / Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land / Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply / Groundwater
 Archaeological / Historical Geologic / Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion / Compaction / Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage / Absorption Population / Housing Balance Toxic / Hazards Land Use
 Economic / Jobs Public Services / Facilities Traffic / Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other _____

Present Land Use / Zoning /

General Plan Designation: Not applicable

Project Description: The District originally proposed to construct the wastewater treatment facility and the sewer collection system. Following the District's adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the proposed project, the District proceeded with the detailed engineering to install the treatment and collection facilities, including the financing of these facilities. During this period of final engineering and financial planning, the District concluded that it would seek funding to install the sewer laterals to each individual property instead of leaving this task to the individual property owner. The District's engineer also identified a number of new sewer lines that will be required to serve the Phase 1 project area. Since the original evaluation of the proposed project did not include extension of laterals to each individual property and the additional sewer lines required to serve the Phase 1 project area, the District decided to evaluate the potential environmental effects of installing these additional facilities in a subsequent environmental document. Thus, the only proposed changes in the proposed project are: the installation of the individual property sewer laterals from the nearest sewer line/main to the existing septic tanks on individual properties; and the installation of additional or alternative sewer lines to ensure the whole of the Phase 1 project area is adequately served with a wastewater collection system. There will be no changes to the size of

the wastewater treatment plant and the identified changes to incorporate the laterals and the new alignment of some of the sewer lines based on the final engineering.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating / Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountain Conservancy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB, # <u>7, Colorado Region</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife, Region # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 22, 2013 Ending Date April 8, 2013

Lead Agency (complete if applicable)

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| Consulting Firm: <u>Tom Dodson & Associates</u> | Applicant: <u>Hi-Desert Water District</u> |
| Address: <u>2150 N. Arrowhead Avenue</u> | Address: <u>55439 Twentynine Palms Highway</u> |
| City/State/Zip: <u>San Bernardino, CA 92405</u> | City/State/Zip: <u>Yucca Valley, CA 92284</u> |
| Contact: <u>Tom Dodson</u> | Contact: <u>Ed Muzik</u> |
| Phone: <u>(909) 882-3612</u> | Phone: <u>(760) 365-8333</u> |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:

Ed Muzik Date: 3-20-13

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SCH # 2009061035

Addendum No. 2 to HDWD WRF, WWTP and Sewer Collection System (SCH#2009061035)

Consideration of District Alternative Treatment Technology for the WRF:

Project Title: Membrane Bioreactor in place of Approved Oxidation Ditch Technology

Lead Agency Hi-Desert Water District Contact Person Ed Muzik
Mailing Address 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway Phone (760) 365-8333
City Yucca Valley Zip 92284 County San Bernardino

Project Location: County San Bernardino City/Nearest Community Town of Yucca Valley
Cross Streets Indio Avenue/Sunnyslope Drive/La Contenta Road Zip Code 92284
Lat. / Long. 34° 07' 54" N / 116° 22' 33" W Total Acres _____
Assessor's Parcel No N/A Section N/A Twp N/A Range N/A Base SBBM
Within 2 miles: State Hwy # 62 Waterways N/A
Airports N/A Railways N/A Schools N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other _____
 Mit Neg Dec Other Addendum No. 2 FONSI

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision) Other Alternative Treatment
Tech: (Membrane Bioreactor)

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ Watts _____
 Education _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Water Reclamation Facility

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetics / Visual Fiscal Recreation / Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Floodplain / Flooding Schools / Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land / Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply / Groundwater
 Archaeological / Historical Geologic / Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion / Compaction / Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage / Absorption Population / Housing Balance Toxic / Hazards Land Use
 Economic / Jobs Public Services / Facilities Traffic / Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other _____

Present Land Use / Zoning / General Plan Designation: Not applicable

Project Description: The District has proposed constructing a wastewater treatment and reclamation facility (WRF) and sewer collection system known as the Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project (the "Project"). Following the District's adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the District proceeded with the detailed engineering needed to construct the Project. As the Project has progressed, more detailed engineering has identified an alternative wastewater treatment system for use at the WRF known as "Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)" treatment technology. The District originally proposed an Oxidation Ditch treatment process that required the use of medial filtration. The details of this system are provided in Addendum No. 2, but the District has concluded that a MBR treatment system, in place of the Oxidation Ditch followed by media filtration, would better meet the water quality objectives of the District.

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Notice of Determination

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385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: Hi-Desert Water District
55439 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

and

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State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Addendum No. 2 to HDWD WRF, WWTP and Sewer Collection System (SCH#2009061035)

Consideration of District Alternative Treatment Technology for the WRF:

Membrane Bioreactor in place of Approved Oxidation Ditch Technology

Project Title

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| <u>SCH#2009061035</u> | <u>Mr. Ed Muzik</u> | <u>(760) 365-8333</u> |
| <u>State Clearinghouse Number</u> (If submitted to Clearinghouse) | <u>Lead Agency</u> Contact Person | <u>Area Code/Telephone/Extension</u> |

Project Location: This Addendum addresses proposed modifications to an existing project that would provide a wastewater treatment and collection system to most of the Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. The proposed wastewater reclamation plant facilities will be located approximately 1,000 feet south of State Route 62 (SR 62), east of Indio Avenue, north of Sunnyslope Drive, and west of La Contenta Road. Since the original WRF treatment system was selected, further study by the District has determined that use of a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) treatment technology instead of the originally proposed Oxidation Ditch followed by media filtration would better meet the water quality objectives of the District. The proposed MBR WRF will be located at the same location as the Oxidation Ditch WRF.

Project Description:

The District has proposed constructing a wastewater treatment and reclamation facility (WRF) and sewer collection system known as the Wastewater Reclamation Project (the "Project"). Following the District's adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the District proceeded with the detailed engineering needed to construct the Project. This effort has identified an alternative wastewater treatment system for use at the WRF known as "Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)" treatment technology in place of the originally proposed Oxidation Ditch treatment process that required the use of media filtration. The details of this system are provided in Addendum No. 2, but the District has concluded that a MBR treatment system, in place of the Oxidation Ditch followed by media filtration, would better meet the water quality objectives of the District.

In addition, the build-out capacity of the WRF has been reduced to 2.87 million gallons per day (MGD) from the original proposed 6 MGD. Phase I flows now total 1.02 MGD compared to an original estimated capacity of 2 MGD with the remaining flows realized once Phase II and III are brought online. The reduction is due to a more detailed analysis of wastewater generation rates within the Project area. The location of the WRF and the environmental setting remain the same as evaluated in the 2009 environmental document.

Notice of Determination, page 2

This is to advise that the Hi-Desert Water District has approved the above described project on
 Lead Agency Responsible Agency

12/17/2014 and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH#2009061035) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. All mitigation measures from the original Mitigated Negative Declaration [were were not] will be implemented in accordance with the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Hi-Desert Water District located at 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Ed Meinh General Manager 12-18-14
Signature (Public Agency) Title Date



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LEAD AGENCY Alameda Water District DATE 12-22-14
 COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Bernardino County DOCUMENT NUMBER
 PROJECT TITLE Watermain No. 2 to Hand Wrf. WWP and Sew. Coll.
 PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Alameda Water District
 PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1145 West Water District PHONE NUMBER 909-305-8333
 PROJECT APPLICANT CITY San Bernardino STATE CA ZIP CODE 92404
 PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):
 Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

- CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,029.75
 - Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,181.25
 - Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00
 - Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP) \$1,030.25
 - County Administrative Fee \$50.00
 - Project that is exempt from fees
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW Notice of Effect Determination (attach)

PAYMENT METHOD:
 Cash Credit Check Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE [Signature] TITLE deputy clerk
 WHITE - PROJECT APPLICANT YELLOW - CDFW/ASS PINK - LEAD AGENCY GOLDEN ROD - COUNTY CLERK