

## CITY OF RIALTO PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Rialto Habitat Nature Center

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**Project Location:** The proposed Project is located in the southern 13 acres (APN: 258-151-25) of the approximately 40-acre City-owned Rialto Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) located at 501 E. Santa Ana Avenue, City of Rialto, San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** The City of Rialto (City) is proposing to construct the Rialto Habitat Nature Center (RHNC) located on the southern portion of the Rialto WWTP. The proposed Project would provide an approximately 13-acre outdoor public space including an approximately 10-acre non-contact/non-water craft lake consisting of two connected lakes, one mile of pedestrian perimeter trails, passive recreation, environmental education programming, and public outreach. The proposed Project would temporarily store reclaimed water from the WWTP to create the lake prior to it being discharged back into Rialto Channel via the existing discharge outlet pipe. In addition, public parking for the proposed project would be constructed on an approximately 0.15-acre vacant site, identified as APN 805-36-185A, located on the north side of Agua Mansa Road and directly west of the Agua Mansa Road crossing of the Rialto Channel. The parking location is approximately a quarter of a mile to the south of the RHNC site in the City of Colton and within San Bernardino County right-of-way.

**Project Proponent & Address:** City of Rialto

Utilities Division 150 S. Palm Avenue Rialto, CA 92376

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This is to notify the public and interested parties of the City of Rialto's intent to adopt a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** for the above reference Project. The mandatory public review comment period will begin on **February 15, 2024** and end on **March 18, 2024.** Comments will be accepted for the proposed Project during this period. You may submit comments by mail, fax, or email at (abrown@rialtoca.gov). Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered unless otherwise allowed under CEQA. The Initial Study and supporting technical studies are available for public review at the public counter in the City Manager's Office, Utilities Division, 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376, and online at <a href="https://www.yourrialto.com/755/Lake-Rialto">https://www.yourrialto.com/755/Lake-Rialto</a>. For additional information about the Project, call (909) 820-8056.

The Project site is not listed in the State of California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (E).

Signature: Date: 02/08/2024

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