



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
LITTLEROCK CREEK RECHARGE PROJECT**

DATE: August 20, 2025

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible, Trustee, and Other Jurisdictional Agencies;
and Other Interested Organizations/Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association
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Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) has prepared a Draft Initial Study (IS)/ Negative Declaration (ND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. The Draft IS/ND addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project (Project).

Responsible, Trustee, and Other Jurisdictional Agencies: AVSWCA requests input from your agency as to the content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project. Agencies may need to use the IS/ND prepared by AVSWCA when considering permits or other approvals for the Project.

Interested Organizations/Individuals: AVSWCA requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental topics associated with the Project.

Project Title: Littlerock Creek Recharge Project

Project Location: Littlerock, Los Angeles County, CA

Project Description: AVSWCA has contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for entitlement to and delivery of State Water Project (SWP) water from the California Aqueduct, which traverses the Antelope Valley. In response to DWR's request for AVSWCA to find creative ways to maximize the use of SWP water in a 100 percent SWP allocation year and proactively respond to Executive Order N-4-23 issued by Governor Newsom to maximize groundwater recharge in wet years, AVSWCA is pursuing the proposed Project. The Project would involve diverting surplus SWP water from the California Aqueduct into Littlerock Creek, where it would naturally percolate into the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin. The water would be diverted using an existing turnout with a capacity of 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) located along the California Aqueduct.

Potential Environmental Effects: In accordance with CEQA, the Draft IS/ND evaluates "direct physical changes... and reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment which may be caused

by the project.” The Draft IS/ND also evaluates whether any such changes that it identifies are individually or cumulatively significant. The Draft IS/ND identifies that the Project would not result in potentially significant effects related to any of the environmental topics analyzed. As such, no mitigation is required. The Project is also not located on a hazardous site included in the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

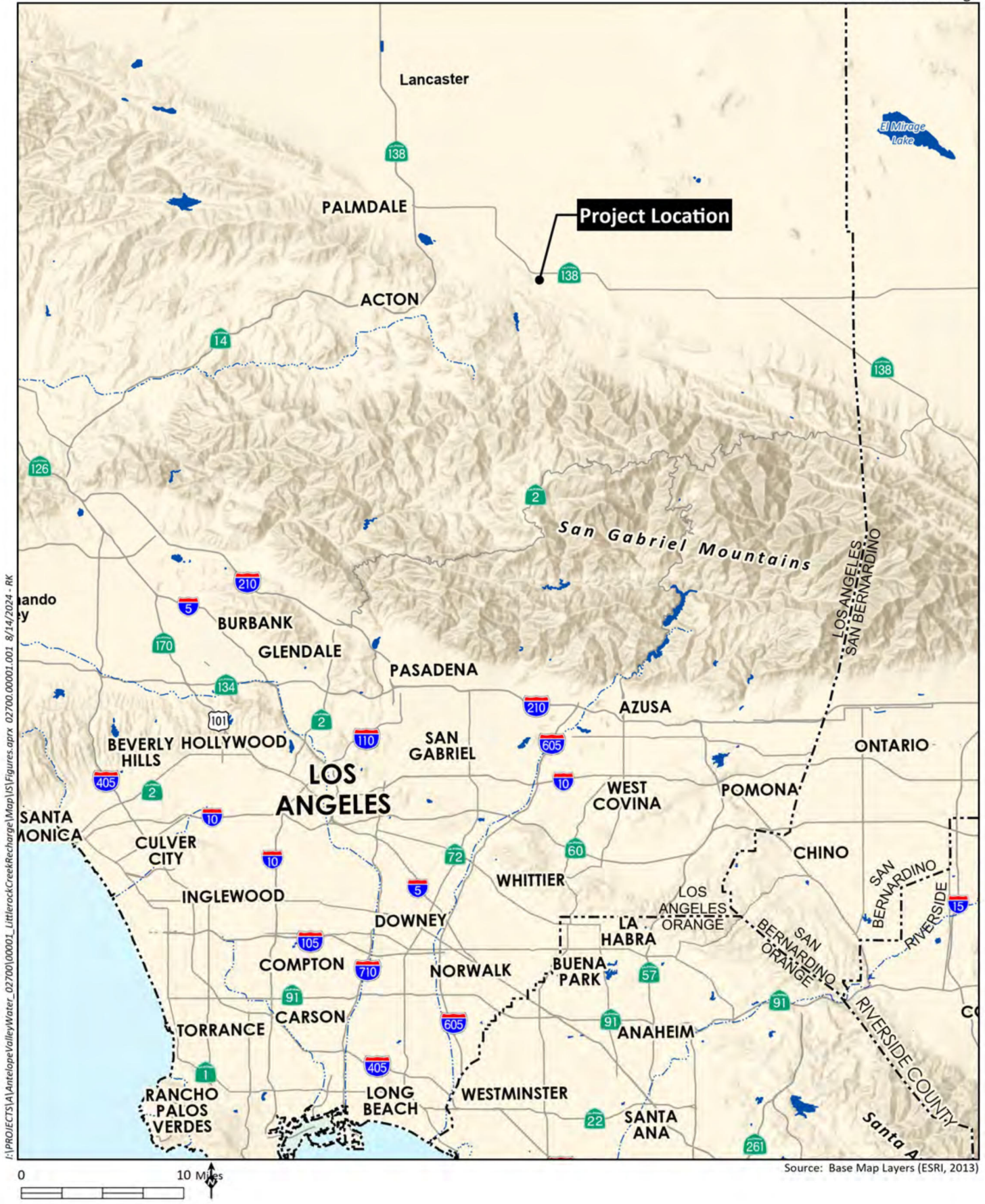
Public Review Period: AVSWCA has issued this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072. The comment period for the Draft IS/ND begins on August 20, 2025. Responses should be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than September 18, 2025. An electronic version of the Draft IS/ND is available on AVSWCA’s website: www.avswca.org/news-events. Hard copies of the Draft IS/ND are available for public review by appointment at the AVSWCA office, location listed below. Please contact Tom Barnes at the email address listed below to set up an appointment.

Responses and Comments: At this time, AVSWCA is soliciting comments on the Draft IS/ND for this Project. All comments must be postmarked by September 18, 2025. Comments may be submitted by mail or email. All comments should indicate a contact person for each agency or organization, if applicable. Please send your responses to:

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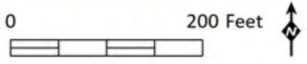
Following close of the public comment period, responses to comments received on the Draft IS/ND will be prepared, and, together with any corresponding revisions to the Draft IS/ND, will constitute a Final ND.

Public Hearing: Please check AVSWCA’s website (www.avswca.org/news-events) for updates on a future public hearing to consider the adoption of the Final Negative Declaration.





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