

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
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County of Riverside
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Office of Planning and Research
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Subject: Notice of Determination

SCH Number: 2025021223

Project Title: Thousand Palms Channel Improvements Project

Lead Agency / Project Applicant: Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)
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75-515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Project Location:

The Project is located in the central portion of the greater Coachella Valley within the City of Indio, Riverside County, California. The Community of Bermuda Dunes, a Census-Designated Place, is located approximately 0.8 miles west of the Project. Access to the site is via Interstate 10 (I-10), Indio Boulevard, Madison Street, and Avenue 42. The Thousand Palms Channel runs south-southeast, intersecting Madison Street, Avenue 42, and I-10, before it converges with the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) at its southern extent.

Project Description:

The Project would include constructing the last conveyance facility intended to receive regional flood flows from the North Indio Hills and Thousand Palms areas. To this point, the Project would improve the Thousand Palms Channel from the Sun City Shadow Hills development located north of Madison Street to the confluence with the CVSC. The Project would improve approximately 5,750 feet of the existing Thousand Palms Channel. The Project would improve the existing earthen Thousand Palms Channel with concrete sidewalls, improve the Avenue 42 channel crossing with 10 side-by-side 14-foot by 9-foot box culverts as a single structure to allow stormwater flows underneath the roadway and limit overtopping, as well as improve the roadways of Avenue 42 and Madison Street where the channel crosses these roadways. Improvements to the roadways include vertical profile changes, repaving, shoulder improvements, and drainage improvements. The Project would help to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) and CVWD's requirement for flood control and stormwater conveyance of regional flows into the CVSC. The stormwater flows would ultimately discharge into the Salton Sea.

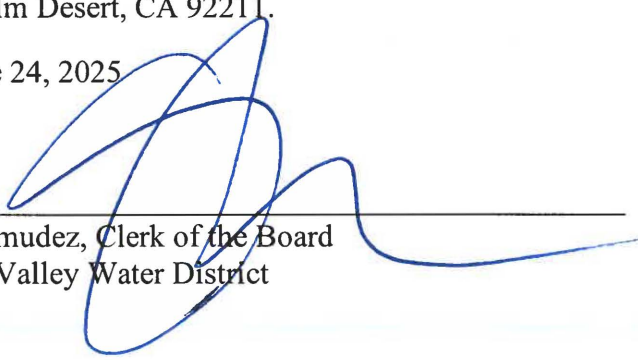
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Coachella Valley Water District

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Coachella Valley Water District's Board of Directors approved the above-described project on June 24th, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The Project Will Not have any significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and reflects the independent judgement of the Lead Agency.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted as part of the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted as part of the Project.
6. Findings of Fact were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public during normal business hours at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, located at: 75-515 Hovley Lane East, in Palm Desert, CA 92211.

Date: June 24, 2025



Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board
Coachella Valley Water District

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