NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location: Public Agency: Ramona Municipal Water District Project Name: Ramona Municipal Water District/Barona Indian Tribe Potable and Recycled Water Infrastructure Project Project Description: The Project proposes an 8-inch recycled water pipeline commences at the San Vicente Wastewater Reclamation Plant, at an existing District pump station located just northeast of the intersection of Vicente Meadows Road and San Vicente Road. Once the proposed 8-inch recycled water pipeline leaving the San Vicente Wastewater Treatment Plant reaches the intersection of San Vicente Road and Wildcat Canyon Road, it will share the alignment and run parallel with the proposed 12-inch potable water pipeline in Wildcat Canyon Road. A horizontal separation of 4 feet must be maintained between the recycled and potable water pipelines throughout the alignment. This portion of Wildcat Canyon Road is maintained by the San Diego County Department of Public Works (DPW) and thus subject to the County's design standards and permitting requirements. Approximately 3000 LF of recycled water pipeline and 2100 LF of potable water pipeline will be constructed off-Reservation. After crossing the Barona Tribal Reservation boundary, the proposed recycled and potable water pipelines will run within the Wildcat Canyon Road right-of-way for approximately 0.35 miles before shifting eastward and moving off the road outside of the County right-of-way. The pipes continue to share an alignment until the recycled water line connects to the existing Golf Course Line approximately 1200 feet southeast of the Giant San Diego Paintball Park while the potable line continues overland approximately 20,200 feet until it joins the existing domestic water distribution system. The Project in San Diego County/Community of Ramona and Barona Indian Project Location - Identify Reservation: San Diego County. Beginning at the San Vicente Wastewater street address and cross streets Reclamation Plant to San Vicente Road and Wildcat Canyon Road, then southward or attach a map showing onto the Barona Reservation. project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' All elements of the Proposed Project lie within Section 35, T13S, R1E, SBB&M (offtopographical map identified Reservation), and T14S, R1 and 2E, SBB&M (unsectioned because formerly Mexican by quadrangle name): land grant – Rancho Barona). The Project Site includes all or a portion of the following APNs: 328-050-01 330-070-21 330-070-18 331-010-01 328-080-01 329-070-01 329-070-02 328-120-03 328-100-02 330-020-01 330-070-20 330-030-05 This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency. The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. XThe Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance. XThe proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance. The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.

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If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:		
Date: N/A	Time:	Location:
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at:		
Ramona Municipal Water District, 105 Earlham, Ramona, CA 92065		
Barona Band of Mission Indians, 1095 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040		
The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method:		
The document is available online at:		
https://www.rmwd.org/about-us/engineering/district-projects and		
https://www.barona-nsn.gov/		
Lead Agency address: Ramona Municipal Water District, 105 Earlham, Ramona, CA 92065		

Comments will be received from May 1, 2025 to June 2, 2025

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to June 2, 2025 no later than 5:00 pm. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

Please email or mail written comments to:

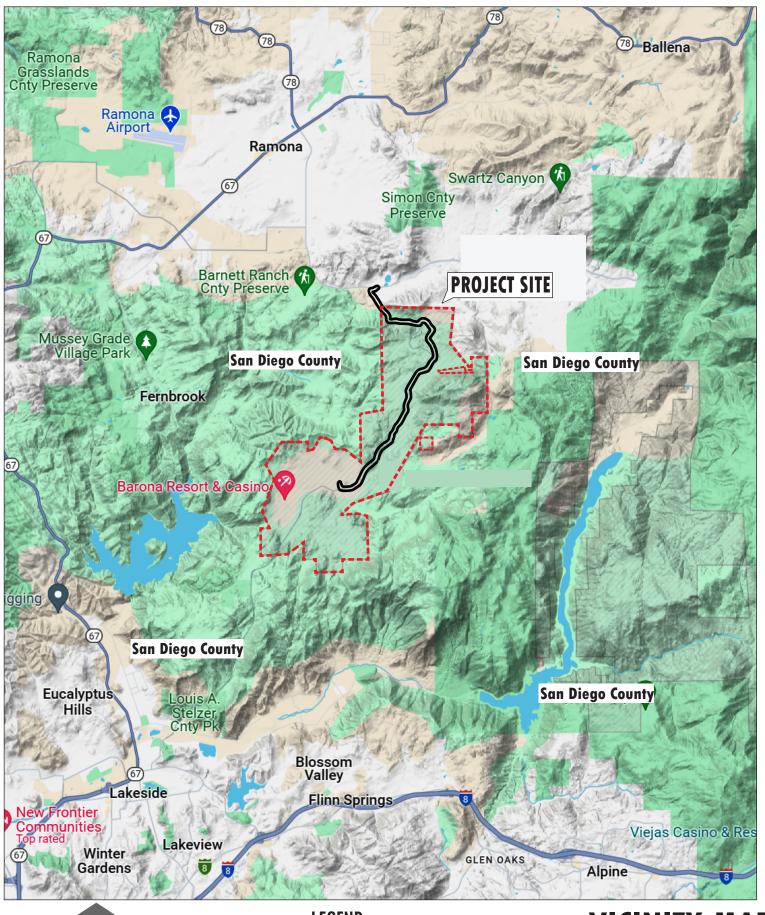
Erica Wolski, PE, General Manager ewolski@rmwd.org

Ramona Municipal Water District, 105 Earlham, Ramona, CA 92065

The Lead Agency, Ramona Municipal Water District will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled Board of Directors at 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA 92065 at the time and date listed below:

Date: June 10, 2025 Time: 6:00 pm

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.





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Pipeline Study Area

Reservation Boundary

VICINITY MAP

RAMONA-BARONA WATER PIPELINE PROJECT BARONA INDIAN RESERVATION

County of San Diego, California

FIGURE 1

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