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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 92-kV CA Line Upgrade Project

Notice is hereby given by the Imperial Irrigation District of the availability for public review of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 92-kV CA Line Upgrade Project

92kV CA Line upgrade project consists of upgrading approximately four (4) circuit miles of double circuit wood and steel poles from Avenue 42 Substation to North View Substation. The existing configuration of this line segment is double circuit 92kV transmission, CA and CE lines, with various distribution circuits underbuilt (N143, N144, 1010, 1005) and Optical Ground Wire in the static position. The upgrade shall be with single 900 "Canary" kcmil ACSS/TW HS285 conductor between Avenue 42 to North View Substations and 48-fiber OPGW in the static position. The upgrade is only for the CA line and OPGW; the existing conductors and hardware for the CE line and distribution circuits are planned to be reused. The preliminary intention is that all wood poles will be reconstructed to account for the new conductor but existing steel structures will be reused. In order to fully achieve this upgraded rating, the remote end substations, Avenue 42 and North View, will need to upgrade specific elements to allow for 2,000A continuous rating such as replacement of 795 MCM AAC conductor with double 1033 MCM AAC conductor, disconnect switches and, existing relaying protection for the CA line. All work will be within the substation's existing footprint. The anticipated in-service date of the project is April 2026.

The project is located in Indio, CA and encompasses four circuit miles starting at the IID Northview Substation heading west on Avenue 38 to Adams St. then south to Avenue 40 then east to approximately Burr Ave. At this point, the alignment extends south through the Sun City Shadow Hills Community terminating at Avenue 42 then extending east and terminating at the IID Avenue 42 Substation.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days (from June 24 through July 23, 2025) Discussion of potential impacts and mitigation measures are included in the IS. No significant impacts were identified for the project and a Draft MND has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. Copies of the IS and Draft MND are on file at the Environmental Regulatory Compliance Unit offices of the IID located at 321 South Waterman Avenue, Suite 201, Valley Plaza, El Centro, California (hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday [and alternating Fridays]), and on the IID's website <https://www.iid.com/about-iid/environmental-documents-available-for-public-review>.

All comments concerning this environmental document must be submitted in writing to:

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All comments must be received prior to the close of the business day on July 23, 2025. The Imperial Irrigation District is required to consider all written comments received during the noticed public review period prior to approving the project.