

**Notice of Availability and
Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the Mission Springs Water District Street Improvements for the
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project**

The Mission Springs Water District (MSWD or District) has prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Springs Water District Street Improvements for the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project, which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be issued, and the District has authorized the release of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review and comment for the above project.

The District seeks to install 1.08 miles or 5,700 LF of paved roadway along the boundaries of the District's Nancy Wright Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (Wright RWRf), in place of the existing roadway condition, which is simply compacted dirt. As part of the District's continued development of the Wright RWRf, the City of Desert Hot Springs conditioned the District to complete paving of the compacted dirt roadways that serve the site. Thus, the District will serve as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the proposed project, which would involve installation of asphalt pavement along the Wright RWRf's boundaries on 19th Avenue, Little Morongo Road, and 20th Avenue. The purpose of the project is to improve the paved roadway network in the City of Desert Hot Springs to accommodate the Wright RWRf's development, reduce fugitive dust generation from automobiles traveling on the existing dirt roadways, and enhance access to future development in the area that may be served by these roadway improvements.

The District has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and MND to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the District based its decision to adopt this MND may be obtained at the District's website at <https://www.mswd.org/>. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins September 12, 2025 and ends on October 14, 2025 (30+days ending on a standard business day). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Eric Weck at the mailing address listed above no later than October 14, 2025 by 5:00 PM. Mr. Weck may be contacted at eweck@mswd.org or 760.329.6448 ext. 122.

The District has not scheduled a specific date for this matter to go before the District's Board of Directors to discuss and possibly adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the project. The technical and environmental issues related to this project may be discussed at this meeting. Please contact Mr. Eric Weck by mail at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240; email at eweck@mswd.org; or, by phone at 760.329.6448 ext. 122 if you have questions regarding the District's review process for considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration.