

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Mission Springs Water District Street Improvements for the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Lead Agency: Mission Springs Water District

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs Riverside
City *County*

The proposed project involves the installation of 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.

Topics requiring mitigation are as follows: (1) Biological Resources: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts to burrowing owls, nesting birds, and to ensure compliance with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). (2) Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to ensure proper treatment of cultural resources that may be encountered during construction; (3) Geology and Soils: Mitigation is required to minimize soil erosion impacts, to ensure that the roadway is developed in accordance with the geologist recommendations, and to minimize impacts on paleontological resources; (4) Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts from accidental spills of contaminated materials; (5) Hydrology and Water Quality: Mitigation is required to ensure that accidental spills are controlled; (6) Noise: mitigation is required to avoid disruptive construction noise at the site and long-term noise is attenuated; (7) Transportation: mitigation is required to minimize circulation impacts during construction; (8) Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to protect tribal cultural resources during construction.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

If listed species are involved, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may have to issue incidental take permits or permits may be obtained under the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The Corps of Engineers, CDFW and Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) may need to participate in review of any discharge of fill into or alteration of a streambed. The whole of the project does not meet the threshold for a General Construction National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, as the project will disturb approximately less than one acre. The proposed project will require encroachment permits from the City to construct the paved roadway.