

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** AB Pipeline Replacement Project

Lead Agency: Vista Irrigation District (VID) Contact Person: Christina Olson  
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 City: Vista Zip: 92081 County: San Diego

**Project Location:** County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: San Marcos/County of San Diego  
 Cross Streets: Esplendido Avenue, Bluebird Canyon Road Zip Code: 92084

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 10 ' 18.3 " N / 117 ° 11 ' 24.2 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 78 Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: Paloma Elementary

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons             | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Infrastructure</u> |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____        | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____        | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type <u>Pipeline</u> MGD _____ |  |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Land Use: Specific Plan Area (City of San Marcos), Semi-Rural Residential (County of San Diego); Zoning: Murai Specific Plan Zone (City of San Marcos), Limited Agricultural (County of San Diego)

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of             | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 11                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 9                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy             | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                             | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 5              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 10-22-2025 Ending Date 11-20-2025

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Christina Olson Digitally signed by Christina Olson  
Date: 2025.10.20 14:28:28-07'00' Date: 10/20/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

## **Description of project:**

The project consists of the replacement of an existing 1,700-linear foot (LF) Vista Irrigation District (VID) gravity powered water pipeline in the City of San Marcos and unincorporated San Diego County. The existing 14-inch-diameter pipeline is located primarily underground with portions located aboveground. The existing pipeline would be removed or abandoned and replaced with an 18-inch-diameter gravity powered pipeline. Although the project would replace an existing 14-inch pipe with an upsized 18-inch pipe, it would have the same water supply capacity and would maintain flows for existing and planned development in the area. The project would not substantially increase water flows in the area and would not require the expansion of associated VID infrastructure. Future development proposing connections to VID infrastructure would be required to undergo separate review by VID to ensure capacity to accommodate proposed water flows.

Three potential project alignment options are being considered for replacing VID's existing AB pipeline. The alignment options' locations, described herein as "study area," are described below.

The three project alignment options being considered are the Existing Alignment, SE10 Alternative Alignment, and Road Alternative Alignment options. For the purposes of this Initial Study, all three alignments are analyzed individually for each issue area to assess the potential environmental impacts of each option; however, the Road Alternative Alignment Option is the preferred option.

### **Existing Alignment Option**

If the Existing Alignment Option is chosen, the project would replace the existing 1,700-LF AB pipeline at its current location or abandon the pipeline and construct a new 1,700-LF pipeline adjacent to the existing alignment, within the 20-foot-wide existing VID utility easement for the AB pipeline. The existing aboveground portions of the pipeline would be removed and replaced with an entirely underground alignment.

### **SE10 Alternative Alignment Option**

The SE10 Alternative Alignment Option would abandon the existing 1,700-LF AB pipeline and construct a new 1,800-LF pipeline north of the Existing Alignment along the northern boundary of the parcel. The SE10 Alternative Alignment Option would occur partially within a previously recorded, but not utilized, VID 20-foot-wide utility easement. The eastern portions of the alignment would also be located partially within the existing San Diego County Water Authority aqueduct easement.

### **Road Alternative Alignment Option (Preferred)**

The Road Alternative Alignment Option would abandon the existing 1,700-LF AB pipeline and construct a new 1,720-LF pipeline as follows: the western 1,300-LF portion of the alignment would be within an existing dirt road immediately north and outside of any VID existing utility easements, requiring the recording of a new 20-foot-wide utility easement for this reach; the eastern portion of the alignment would be located within the 20-foot-wide existing VID utility easement for the AB pipeline that crosses the San Diego County Water Authority aqueduct easement.