Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration / Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Lead Agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location and has determined the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

Lead Agency: Ontario Municipal Utilities Company, 1425 S. Bon View Avenue, Ontario, California 91761

Project Applicant: Ontario Municipal Utilities Company

Project Title: City of Ontario Water, Recycled Water, Sewer, and Drainage Utility Master Plans Update

Project Location: Generally Citywide in the City of Ontario

Project Description: The City of Ontario is updating four Utility Master Plans: Water Master Plan, Recycled Water Master Plan, Sewer Master Plan, and Drainage Master Plan. These updates build upon the previous plans adopted in 2012. The updated Master Plans propose: (1) upgrading pipelines and related infrastructure to support projected growth in Ontario (refer to Table 3.2-2); (2) replacing aging infrastructure that has reached the end of its service life; (3) expanding water storage capacity for both routine operations and emergency needs, and improving pressure throughout the water distribution system; (4) enhancing flood protection measures under the Drainage Master Plan; and (5) expanding the distribution of recycled water to increase its use citywide.

Significant Environmental Effects: The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The IS/MND will be available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The City will accept responses and comments for 30 days, starting on **Friday December 12, 2025,** and ending on **Monday January 12, 2026**. All comments must be submitted in writing, either in a letter or email. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

Ontario Municipal Utilities Company
Attn: Thomas Lambertson, Principal Engineer
1425 S. Bon View Avenue
Ontario, CA 91761

Email: tlambertson@ontarioca.gov

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following location:

City of Ontario, Planning Department
303 E B Street
Ontario, CA 91764

Ontario Municipal Utilities Company
1425 S. Bon View Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764

Ovitt Family Library
215 E. C Street
Ontario, CA 91761

The document is available online on the City's website at:

https://www.ontarioca.gov/government/community-development/planning/environmental-documents

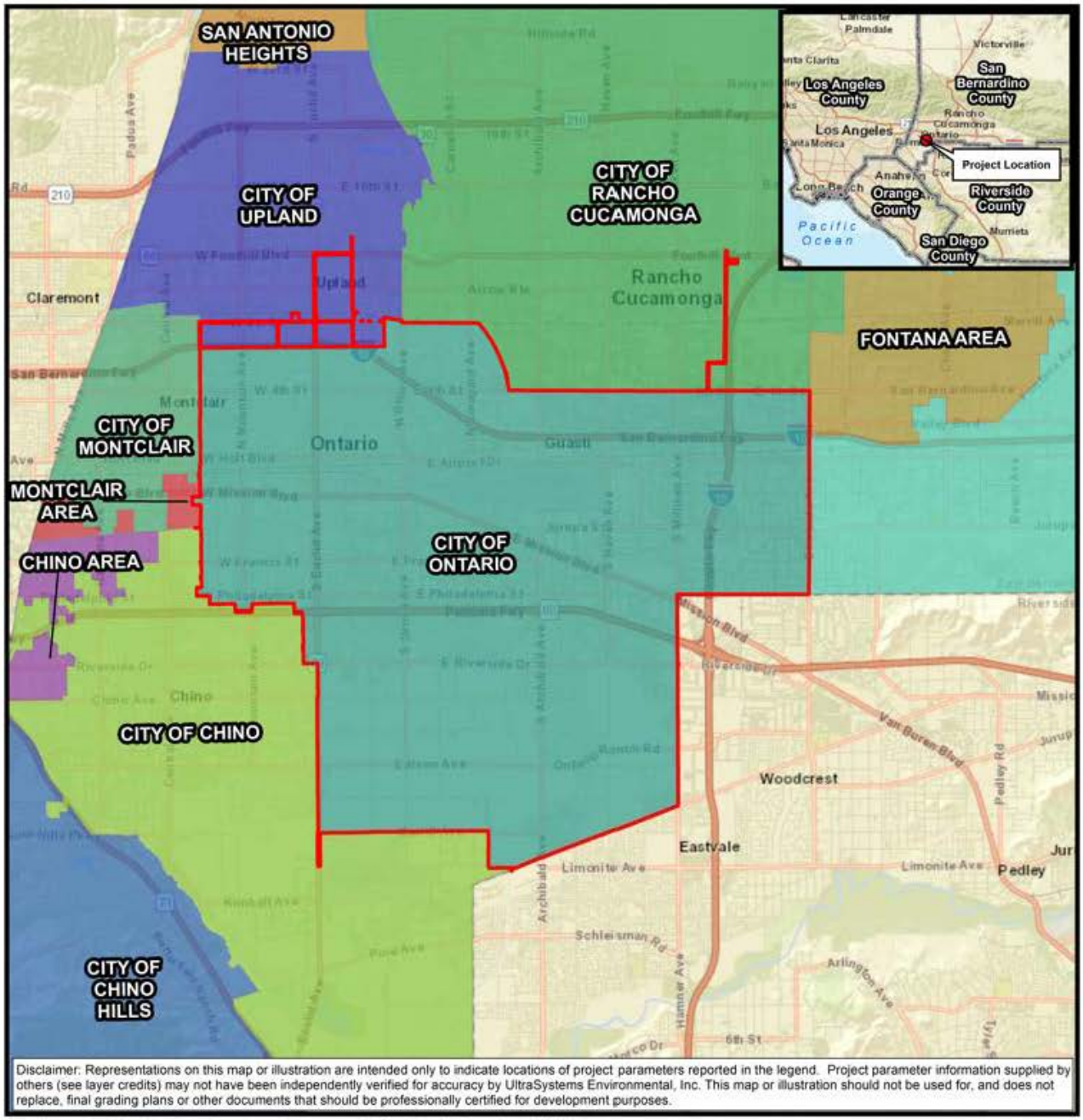
The City will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on February 17, 2026, at the City of Ontario Council Chambers, located at 303 E. B Street, Ontario, CA. 91764. If the City Council finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Signature: _____ Date: 12/10/2025

Name *(print or type)*: Thomas Lambertson Title: Principal Engineer

Date received for filing and posting: 12/10/2025

Figure 1. Regional Location/Local Vicinity



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April 24, 2025

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Project Boundary

City of Ontario Water, Recycled Water, Sewer, and Drainage Master Plans Update

Project Vicinity