



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Pierce Street Consolidated Water and Sewer. Project described below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq and CEQA-Plus federal requirements. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period, commencing February 19, 2026 and ending March 23, 2026.

Project Name: Pierce Street Consolidated Water and Sewer Project

Project Location: The Pierce Street Consolidated Water and Sewer Project (“Project”) occurs in the unincorporated community of Oasis, in eastern Coachella Valley, Riverside County, California. The Project area is a predominantly rural agricultural lands with numerous mobile home parks and other residential enclaves that have developed without the benefit of municipal water or sewer services. The Project will extend existing water distribution and wastewater collection systems to CVWD wells, storage, and wastewater treatment facilities located in the vicinity. This linear Project has an alignment that generally follows existing paved and graded streets and on private paved and dirt drives. The project site is shown in **Figure 1**.

Brief Project Description: The Project involves the construction of potable water lines, wastewater collection lines and lift station to serve residents in various mobile home parks within the Oasis community on and around Pierce Street from Avenue 66 to Avenue 70. Currently, residents primarily rely on septic tanks for wastewater management and private wells for potable water, but groundwater in the area is characterized by elevated levels of arsenic, often exceeding the maximum contaminant level. Groundwater levels are also relatively high and affect the effectiveness of on-lot septic tanks. The Project water system will serve a population of 710 people housed in 129 dwelling units and an additional approximately 100 dwelling units located along Avenue 70 in two mobile home parks. The Project sewer collection system will provide sanitary service to various mobile home parks within the project service area. There are eleven existing mobile home parks that will benefit from service provided by the proposed improvements. The project will improve public health services in disadvantaged communities, primarily consisting of agricultural workers and low-income families.

Public Meeting: CVWD’s Board of Directors will consider the proposed Project at a publicly noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled for May 27, 2026 at 8:00 am. The Board meeting will be held at CVWD’s Coachella Campus, located at 51-501 Tyler Street, Coachella . The meeting will also be streamed live on the District’s website at: <http://www.cvwd.org/151/Board-Agendas>. Members of the public may provide comments in-person at the meeting or via Zoom.

30-Day Document Review: The document may be reviewed online at: <https://www.cvwd.org/368/Environmental-Documents>

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to: Carlos Huerta, Environmental Resources Analyst, CVWD, 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211, or emailed to: chuerta@cvwd.org



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