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From: Indian Wells Valley Water District
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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Project Title:

Stark Street Mutual Water Company Mainline Extension and Consolidation Project

Project Location:

The project will be located within Strecker Street, south of Drummond Avenue and along Stark Street in Kern County in the China Lake Acres area west of the City of Ridgecrest.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This Project will consist of the installation of 1650±L.F. of 12-inch PVC water pipe within Strecker Street south of the intersection with Drummond Avenue and 650±L.F. 8-inch PVC water pipe within Start Street. The beneficiaries of the Project are the residents of the Stark Street Mutual Water Company whose well is no longer functional and for which the State has been paying for hauled water to serve the residents for approximately 2 years.

Public Agency Approving Project:

Indian Wells Valley Water District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

Indian Wells Valley Water District

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The new pipeline is needed to prevent or mitigate the loss of a potable water supply for those residents impacted by the failed well.

14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15269(c): Specific actions to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This is the installation of a new pipeline that does not exceed one mile in length.

14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15282(k): The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

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Date: 3-11-2026

Signature: [Signature]

George Croll, General Manager
Notice of Environmental Document

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