

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: to be assigned

Project Title: Mission Springs Water District Groundwater Quality Protection Program Septic to Sewer Update Program

Lead Agency: Mission Springs Water District

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs  
*City*

Riverside  
*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The purpose of the project is to install sewer pipeline to eliminate septic tanks that threaten contamination of potable groundwater supplies by expanding MSWD's wastewater collection system. The District seeks to install sewer main lines and laterals within roadways and existing rights-of-ways, and abatement of septic tanks, within MSWD's service area. Specifically, several sewer improvement sub-areas were identified to target septic tank abatements; these areas include: A, D-3, G, H, I, J-2, K, and along the North Indian Canyon Drive / I-10 corridor. The project would involve the construction of 146,200 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch sewer pipeline. Construction is planned to connect 2,600 parcels to the MSWD sewer system and abate over 2,040 on-site septic systems. In addition, the project includes installation of an estimated 2,500 new 4- to 6-inch service laterals. Construction of this project is anticipated to occur over a period of about 20 years, with one Sub Area to be constructed approximately every 30 months.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Topics requiring mitigation are as follows: (1) Aesthetics: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts on lighting issues such as glare and light pollution; (2) Biological Resources: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts to special-status species, jurisdictional waters, wildlife movement corridors, nesting birds; (3) Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to minimize impacts in case of discovery of cultural resources; (4) Geology and Soils: Mitigation is required to minimize soil erosion and loss of topsoil, as well as the potential discovery of fossils/paleontological resources; (5) Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Mitigation is required to minimize the potential of accidental release of hazardous materials; (6) Hydrology and Water Quality: Mitigation is required to achieve a reduction in pollutants from stormwater discharge during construction; (7) Public Services: Mitigation is required to provide shielded security lighting and screening; (8) Transportation: A construction Transportation Management Plan is required to minimize circulation impacts during construction; (9) Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation is required to protect tribal cultural resources during construction; (10) Utilities and Service Systems: Mitigation is required to ensure construction materials are recycled and disposed of correctly; (11) Wildfire: Mitigation is required to ensure fire safety 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 proposed project may also require consultation under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP), and thereby the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC). The whole of the project exceeds the threshold for a General Construction National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This requires notification to the State Water Board and preparation and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The proposed project will require encroachment permits from City of Desert Hot Springs, the City of Palm Springs, and County of Riverside to construct the sewer mains within existing road rights-of-way.