

**Notice of Availability and  
Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
for the Mission Springs Water District Groundwater Quality Protection  
Program Septic to Sewer Project**

The Mission Springs Water District (MSWD or District) has prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Springs Water District Groundwater Quality Protection Program Septic to Sewer Project, which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be issued, and the District has authorized the release of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review and comment for the above project.

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.

The District has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and MND to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the District based its decision to adopt this MND may be obtained at the District's website at <https://www.mswd.org/>. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins April 14, 2026 and ends on May 14, 2026 (30 days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Eric Weck at the mailing address listed above no later than May 14, 2026 by 5:00 PM. Mr. Weck may be contacted at [eweck@mswd.org](mailto:eweck@mswd.org) or 760.329.6448 ext. 122.

The District has not scheduled a specific date for this matter to go before the District's Board of Directors to discuss and possibly adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the project. The technical and environmental issues related to this project may be discussed at this meeting. Please contact Mr. Eric Weck by mail at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240; email at [eweck@mswd.org](mailto:eweck@mswd.org); or, by phone at 760.329.6448 ext. 122 if you have questions regarding the District's review process for considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration.