

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

<p>Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:</p>	
Public Agency:	Desert Water Agency
Project Name:	DWA/CVWD Interconnection No. 2
Project Description:	<p>DWA/CVWD Interconnection No. 2 (the Project) consists generally of constructing and operating a potable water pipeline between an existing Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) pipeline and an existing Desert Water Agency (DWA) pipeline to facilitate the transfer of water from CVWD's potable water system to DWA's potable water system at a capacity of up to 2,500 gallons per minute. The Project includes approximately 1,450 linear feet of thermoplastic pipe installed beneath the Whitewater River Channel at a location occupied by the Cimarron Golf Resort, connection of the pipe to an existing CVWD 12-inch waterline at an existing CVWD well site, connection of the pipeline to an existing DWA 12-inch waterline located within an easement held by DWA, and installation of associated valves, piping, and appurtenances. Project facilities will be operated as needed to transfer water from CVWD's potable water system to DWA's potable water system, as coordinated and agreed by both DWA and CVWD. A more detailed description of the Project is included in the Initial Study prepared for the Project, which is available for review at the location cited below.</p>
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	<p>The Project is located primarily belowground within the Cimarron Golf Resort, which is within the Whitewater River Channel, north of Ramon Road and between Landau Boulevard to the east and Sarah Street to the west. The Project also extends to an existing CVWD well site located easterly of the Cimarron Golf Resort and within an existing easement held by DWA located westerly of the Cimarron Golf Resort and easterly of Sarah Street, all within the City of Cathedral City, Riverside County, California.</p>
<p>This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.</p>	
<p>Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: Desert Water Agency 1200 South Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264</p>	

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by visiting dwa.org, under Pipelines/Projects, or accessing the public CEQAnet Web Portal at <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>.

Lead Agency address: 1200 South Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92264

Comments will be received from April 28, 2026 to May 27, 2026.

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency on or prior to **May 27, 2026**. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a regular meeting of its Board of Directors to be announced at a future date. Board meeting agendas are available on DWA's website at <https://dwa.org/upcoming-meetings/>

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

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