



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Mojave Water Agency, as lead agency, has prepared a Supplemental Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) of environmental effects and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Oeste Basins Groundwater Recharge Project. The previously adopted Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Plan (MMRP) is incorporated by reference, as described below. The following documents analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Title: Oeste Basins Groundwater Recharge Project
Draft Supplemental Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration

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County Clerk: This Notice of Intent is posted at the San Bernardino County Clerk's Office (shown below)
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Project Location:

- Unincorporated San Bernardino County, CA, in an area known as Pinon Hills.
- South side of Cayucos Drive, approximately 0.36-mile west of Oasis Road.
- See Supplemental IS/MND Figures 1 and 2.

Project Description: The Project consists of the development of two groundwater recharge basins of 3.1 and 3.3 acres, respectively, within a 10-acre vacant parcel located on the south side of Cayucos Drive, approximately 0.36-mile west of Oasis Road, within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 3099-081-01 with some of the associated basin piping in an adjacent 0.03-acre area within the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) right-of-way, within the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County known as Piñon Hills. Based upon anticipated infiltration rates, the Proposed Project is designed to draw approximately 3,400 to 5,600 acre-feet/year of State Water Project water from the California aqueduct in wet years for groundwater recharge and storage in the Oeste groundwater subbasin. A CEQA IS/MND for an earlier version of the project (Oeste Demonstration Project) was adopted by the Mojave Water Agency in 2024. A refined version of the project (Oeste Permanent Project) is the subject of the Supplemental IS/MND.

Conclusion: The Supplemental IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects of the Project in the environmental issue areas specified in the State CEQA Guidelines. Based on this analysis, the Public Review Draft Supplemental IS/MND finds that the Project will not result in any significant unmitigable environmental effects, provided that the mitigation measures described in the previously adopted IS/MND are implemented. The Project proponent has agreed to the mitigation measures, and these measures are incorporated by reference in the Supplemental IS/MND to be adopted by the Mojave Water Agency in conjunction with the certification of the IS/MND and approval of plans and specifications for the Project. There are no sites identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code located on or near the Project site.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at the Mojave Water Agency at the address shown above.

Review Period: The Agency will accept public and agency comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day review period that will begin on May 6, 2026 and end on June 5, 2026. Comments may be submitted to Mojave Water Agency by mail or email (twinkel@mojavewater.org).

Public Meetings: At the conclusion of the 30-day public review period, the document will be submitted to the Mojave Water Agency for review and adoption. The Mojave Water Agency will hold a public hearing at 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307 on November 13, 2025, to consider adoption of the IS/MND and MMRP, and approval of the Project.