

**VICTOR VALEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: San Bernardino County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

and

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA)
20111 Shay Road
Victorville, CA 92394

Project Title: Ossum Wash Repair Project

SCH Number: To be assigned

Project Location:

The proposed Project is located within Ossum Wash in Victorville, CA. Ossum Wash is an ephemeral desert wash tributary to the Mojave River. Ossum Wash runs North-South, flowing northerly to its confluence with the Mojave River, approximately 850-feet north of Turner Road. Turner Road runs East-West and the Project area is located north of where the wash crosses Turner Road. The cadastral location is Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The site can be viewed on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) – Victorville Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series topographic map. The geographic coordinates for the project are: 34.573123°, -117.331398°.

Project Description:

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA) owns two existing gravity trunk sewer pipelines (36-in Reinforced Concrete Pipe [RCP] and 42-in Vitrified Clay Pipe [VCP]) that cross Ossum Wash. These large diameter sewer pipelines transport around 1-MG of the City of Victorville's daily sewage. After recent heavy rain events, the existing grade above these pipelines has eroded substantially. VWRA is concerned that future rain events might expose the two pipelines, making them susceptible to a pipe break and sewage spill from bedload or debris travelling down the wash during a rain event. The two existing pipelines are estimated to have approximately 4 feet of cover remaining above them. VWRA is proposing to construct emergency improvements to the wash to mitigate the risk of pipe exposure and damage. To address the critical erosion issues within the wash described above, VWRA hired Dudek to design emergency improvements to protect the sewer lines. The proposed improvements include the following:

- Installing grouted riprap on the channel side slope along the easterly side of the existing grouted riprap channel.
- Installing an extension of the grouted riprap channel from the downstream end of the existing grouted riprap to the northerly extent of the VVWRA pipeline easement.
- Installing loose riprap lined channel downstream of the proposed grouted riprap.

Project Sponsor(s): Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

This is to advise that the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

- ☐ The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- ☒ The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,

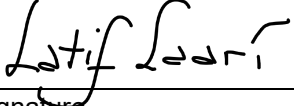
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- (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the VVWRA based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at:

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
20111 Shay Road, Victorville, CA 92394
POC: Latif Laari
Tel: (760) 246-8638
Email: llaari@vvraca.gov

Additionally, the Initial Study is available online at VVWRA's website at the following web address: www.vvraca.gov. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins Wednesday August 26, 2026 and ends on September 25, 2026 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Darron Poulsen at the mailing address listed above no later than September 25, 2026 by 5:00 PM.

	Director of Engineering & Environmental Compliance	8/18/26
Signature	Title	Date

Date received for filing and posting

- ☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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