

CITY OF PALM DESERT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

From: City of Palm Desert
73510 Fred Waring Drive
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and

Riverside County, County Clerk
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: Mid Valley Basin Drainage/Storm Drain Improvements

SCH Number: To be Assigned

Project Location: The project is located in Section 34, T4S, R6E, SBBM on the USGS 7.5 Topographic - Cathedral City Map, at Latitude 33° 78163" N and Longitude 116° 35052" W.

Project Description: The City of Palm Desert is proposing to make improvements to the Mid Valley drainage system infrastructure, located southwest of the intersections of Cook Street with Gerald Ford Drive and Interstate 10. South of, and adjacent to Interstate 10, is the Mid Valley Basin where the City proposes to regrade and widen the Channel. A new Underground Storm Drain will be installed within the Gerald Ford Drive right-of-way. The final component is a proposed basin on approximately four acres of property located between the Channel and Gerald Ford. The proposed project has been divided into two phases. Phase 1 of the proposed project will be focused on the Mid Valley Basin, while the new basin and underground storm drain are set for implementation in Phase 2.

Project Sponsor(s): City of Palm Desert

This is to advise that the City of Palm Desert, 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,
 - (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 City of Palm Desert based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the City's website (<https://www.palmdesert.gov/home>).

The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins September 11, 2026 and ends on October 12, 2026 (30+days ending on a standard business day). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Ms. Lucero Leyva, at the mailing address listed below no later than October 12, 2026 by 5:00 PM.

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<u>Lucero Leyva</u>	Senior Project Manager	9/10/2026
Signature	Title	Date

Date received for filing and posting

- ☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- ☒ OPR