DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)

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Project Title: Mid Valley Basin Drainage/Storm Drain Improvements

State Clearinghouse Number: Not yet 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.

Finding:

The City's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the City has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study:

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the City based its decision to adopt this MND may be obtained digitally at City office at 73510 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, California 92260 and is available at the City's website: https://www.palmdesert.gov/home). CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/MND September 11, 2026 and ends on October 12, 2026 (30+days ending on a standard business day). Written comments on the Initial Study were submitted to Lucero Leyva at the mailing address listed above no later than October 12, 2026 by 5:00 PM. Ms. Lucero Leyva may be contacted at lleyva@palmdesert.gov or 760-776-6465.

Mitigation Measures:

All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 86-91 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the MND is adopted.

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