

CITY OF COACHELLA
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM-6 MITIGATION PROJECT

LEAD AGENCY: City of Coachella
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PROJECT TITLE: Hexavalent Chromium-6 Mitigation Project
Environmental Assessment EA 26-03

PROJECT LOCATION: CWA Wells, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, associated facilities and in-street pipeline alignments. Associated Assessor Parcels include: APN: 603-232-019 & 030, 768-210-014, 763-141-019 & 020, 603-220-035 and 051, 603-150-017, 612-540-008, 779-620-041 in the City of Coachella, Riverside County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Coachella Water Authority (CWA) proposed to implement a remediation program to reduce the levels of Chromium-6 (Hexavalent Chromium) in the City's drinking water to 10 micrograms per liter (ug/l) as required by the State of California. The project will include retrofitting seven domestic water wells and the installation of wastewater discharge lines and three sewer line upgrades.

The Project sites are located throughout the city with two sites located adjacent to city parks, while other sites are located within existing residential subdivisions and open lands. Well improvements will include filter and reduction vessels, additional chemical injection systems and electrical systems, on-site backwash tanks and discharge lines.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City Council acting as the Board of Directors of the Coachella Water Authority and as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the statutes and guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and applicable federal regulations (*40 C.F.R. § 35.3140(b)(1)(i)-(iv)*). The purpose of the IS/MND is to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the subject drinking water project. The CWA has reviewed the project and concludes the project would not have a significant impact on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures.

30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The CWA invites written public comment on the Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration from September 23, 2026 through October 23, 2026. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received within the public review period at the Development Services Department address (53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236). Comments may also be submitted via email to amoreno@coachella.org. The Draft IS/MND is available for review at CWA and Development Services Department offices and on the City's website at: <https://www.coachella.org/departments/development-services/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC MEETING: The City Council, acting as the CWA Board of Directors, will hold a public hearing to consider the Project and this CEQA document at a future date (to be determined). The CWA public hearing date has not been set. The public will be notified of the date of the public hearing in a separate notice pursuant to City of Coachella Noticing Requirements. Please contact Mr. Moreno at amoreno@coachella.org for more information regarding the hearing date.