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SCH #

Project Title: Mission Creek Groundwater Replenishment Facility

Lead Agency: Desert Water Agency | Contact Person: David Tate

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City: Palm Springs | Zip: 92264 | County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside | City/Nearest Community: Desert Hot Springs

Cross Streets: Worsley Road and Mission Creek Road | Zip Code: 92240

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 59 ′ 11.19 ″ N / 116 ° 34 ′ 15.53 ″ W Total Acres: 180

Assessor's Parcel No.: 667060004 | Section: 21 | Twp.: 2 South | Range: 4 East | Base: SBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 62 | Waterways: Mission Creek

Airports: N/A | Railways: N/A | Schools: N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ ■ Mit Neg Dec Other:

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ■ Other: Exchange Agreement

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Educational:
☐ Recreational:
■ Water Facilities: Type GW Replenishment MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type ____
☐ Mining: Mineral ____
☐ Power: Type ____ MW ____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type ____
☐ Other: ____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual
☐ Agricultural Land
■ Air Quality
■ Archeological/Historical
■ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☐ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal
☐ Flood Plain/Flooding
☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☐ Geologic/Seismic
☐ Minerals
☐ Noise
☐ Population/Housing Balance
☐ Public Services/Facilities
☐ Recreation/Parks
☐ Schools/Universities
☐ Septic Systems
☐ Sewer Capacity
☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☐ Solid Waste
☐ Toxic/Hazardous
☐ Traffic/Circulation
■ Vegetation
■ Water Quality
■ Water Supply/Groundwater
☐ Wetland/Riparian
☐ Growth Inducement
☐ Land Use
■ Cumulative Effects
☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Land use is the existing Mission Creek Groundwater Replenishment Facility used to replenish groundwater. The Project is Zoned for Rancho Royale Specific Plan and has a General Plan Designation of Public/Institutional.

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The proposed Project consists of Desert Water Agency's (DWA's) approval of an amended exchange agreement to facilitate the continued operation and maintenance of the Mission Creek Groundwater Replenishment Facility (MCGRF), including a potential increase in quantities of water delivered to the MCGRF for replenishment of groundwater in the Mission Creek Subbasin (MCSB). The amended exchange agreement would increase the annual State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation, shared between DWA and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), from a total of 194,100 AF to a proposed 244,100 AF per year. The SWP Table A water is exchanged for a like amount of water from the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA). The increased allocation will potentially result in an increase in CRA water deliveries to the MCGRF of up to a theoretical maximum of 5,000 AF per year over a long-term average. The actual quantity of water delivered to the MCGRF in any given year will continue to vary depending on available SWP water and CRA water supplies and the applicable terms of the amended exchange agreement and be proportional to groundwater pumping in the MCSB per the DWA and CVWD water management agreement. The proposed Project will provide for ongoing management of the MCSB as a sustainable source of water supply for the Coachella Valley region. All Project activities would occur within the existing operational framework and physical footprint of the MCGRF and its existing facilities. The Project does not include any construction or installation of new facilities. A more detailed description of the Project is included in the Project Initial Study.

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_____ California Emergency Management Agency	_____ Parks & Recreation, Department of
_____ California Highway Patrol	_____ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
_____ Caltrans District # _____	_____ Public Utilities Commission
_____ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X Regional WQCB # 7
_____ Caltrans Planning	_____ Resources Agency
_____ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	_____ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
_____ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	_____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
_____ Coastal Commission	_____ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
_____ Colorado River Board	_____ San Joaquin River Conservancy
_____ Conservation, Department of	_____ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
_____ Corrections, Department of	_____ State Lands Commission
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_____ Energy Commission	_____ SWRCB: Water Rights
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_____ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	_____ Water Resources, Department of
_____ General Services, Department of	
_____ Health Services, Department of	_____ Other: _____
_____ Housing & Community Development	_____ Other: _____
_____ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 8, 2026 Ending Date November 9, 2026

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