



Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) has prepared this Addendum to evaluate minor modifications to the project alignment previously identified and analyzed in the 2021 *Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration* (IS/MND and "project"). As the Lead Agency, CVWD has prepared this Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] Guidelines §15050 and §15164.

This Addendum (referred to as *Addendum No. 1*) amends and updates the project's lift station location and sewer line sizes considered in the 2021 Final IS/MND (State Clearinghouse No. 2021090585). The IS/MND was certified by the CVWD Board of Directors on December 7, 2021 (CVWD File Nos. 0710.02; on-file with CVWD).

The *Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project* IS/MND analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with project construction and operation; where relevant, mitigation measures were provided to lessen or avoid potential impacts. The IS/MND concluded the project would not result in significant environmental impacts with implementation of the mitigation program.

As described below, substantial evidence shows that the minor change to the Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project Description does not involve any new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the impacts identified in the 2021 IS/MND. This Addendum is included as a part of the *Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project IS/MND* (State CEQA Guidelines §15164(c)).

1.1 CEQA Requirements for an Addendum

This Addendum fulfills CEQA requirements to evaluate minor changes proposed for a project considered in a previous IS/MND (State CEQA Guidelines §15162 & §15164). The sole modification now proposed and considered in this Addendum are a minor change to the location of the lift station, size of sewer lines needed, and connection to Rodriguez Ranch instead of the De Leon Ranch .

Pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines §15164 (with reference to §15162), an Addendum to an adopted [mitigated] negative declaration is required when minor changes or additions are necessary, but where none of the conditions call for the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration, which include: 1) substantial changes to the project which result in new significant environmental impacts or increase in severity of environmental impacts; 2) substantial changes in project setting which result in new significant environmental impacts or increase in severity of environmental impacts; and 3) new information of substantial importance which result in new significant environmental impacts, severity of environmental impacts, or new mitigation measures or alternatives that are previously not feasible or are considerably different from those analyzed previously.

The environmental and administrative assessment to prepare this Addendum is supported by substantial evidence based on previously prepared environmental studies within additional project footprint reviewed for purposes of this addendum.

In addition, this Addendum has been prepared to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) CEQA-Plus requirements. CVWD may use the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The CWSRF is partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); and is therefore subject to various federal regulations. All applicants seeking CWSRF financing must comply with both CEQA and the federal "cross-cutting regulations" referred to as CEQA-Plus.

1.2 Decision to Prepare an IS/MND Addendum

This IS/MND Addendum addresses the minor changes to the 2021 IS/MND (SCH No. 2021090585). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section §15164, the CVWD shall consider this Addendum together with the 2021 IS/MND prior to making decisions on the Project. This analysis shows that the Project's impacts are similar to those evaluated in the 2021 IS/MND (less than significant with mitigation incorporated), and that an IS/MND Addendum is the appropriate CEQA document.

1.3 Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following documents are incorporated by reference:

- Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Responses to Comments, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2021090585), September 2021
- Final Environmental Impact Report, Responses to Comments, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project – Avenue 54 to Thermal Drop Structure (State Clearinghouse No. 2015111067), October 2019

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Location

The proposed Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project (proposed project) is located in the unincorporated community of Thermal in Riverside County, California. The proposed project would connect 13 privately owned small water systems (SWS) currently reliant on septic systems to the CVWD sanitary sewer system: Campos Mobile Home Park (MHP), De Leon Ranch, Desert View MHP, Durans Farms, Leon Housing, Luciano Valenzuela, Magdaleno Lopez MHP, Meza's Ranch, Oscar Cruz Water System, Soto Water, Valley View MHP, Villa de Josue MHP and Vista Norte Estates.

The proposed project would consolidate a population of approximately 692 people, all of which are residing in an area designated as a DAC based on median household income per American

Community Survey data for 2014-2018, as mapped on DWR's DAC mapping tool. The proposed project is located along Desert Cactus Drive and Fillmore Street between Airport Boulevard and Avenue 57.

2.2 Project Description

Previously Analyzed Project

The proposed project involves construction and operation of a new sewer lift station and approximately 17,700 linear feet of new sewer mains, as well as sewer laterals and onsite service lines, to add 174 connections to CVWD's existing sanitary sewer system. Approximately 14,700 linear feet of 8-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline would be constructed along portions of Avenue 57, Fillmore Street, Desert Cactus Drive, Airport Boulevard and Soto Street. These pipelines would convey sewage to approximately 1,450 linear feet of 10-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe (VCP) gravity sewer pipeline along Avenue 57. A new sewage lift station would be constructed east of State Route 111 and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, just south of Avenue 57. From there, 1,550 linear feet of 6-inch diameter force main would be constructed to connect to CVWD's existing sewer pipeline at the intersection of State Route 111 and Church Street. The proposed 6-inch force main would include an aerial crossing of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel via an existing bridge along Grapefruit Boulevard. The proposed 6-inch force main would include a trenchless crossing of the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and State Route 111. Approximately 56 manholes would be installed along the sewer alignment. An additional 600 linear feet of 6-inch diameter sewer laterals would be installed to the property boundary of each SWS, with a further 12,150 linear feet of 6-inch service lines onsite to complete the connection to each of the 13 SWSs.

Currently Proposed Project

The revised project is modified at two (2) locations: 1) the small water systems will connect to the Rodriguez Ranch, just north of Meza's Ranch, and will no longer connect to the De Leon Ranch property; and 2) the lift station will now be located approximately 1000 feet southeast of previously analyzed location within APN 757 090-009, near Desert Cactus Drive and Dunlap Avenue.

Additionally, the previously anticipated 6-inch force main under UPRR and along Grapefruit Boulevard will now be constructed with two (2) 6-inch force mains. The aerial crossing of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel will continue to be via an existing bridge along Grapefruit Boulevard.

Portions of the 8-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along Avenue 57 between Desert Cactus Drive and Fillmore Street and the pipeline along Fillmore Street will now be constructed as a 10-inch diameter gravity sewer pipelines.

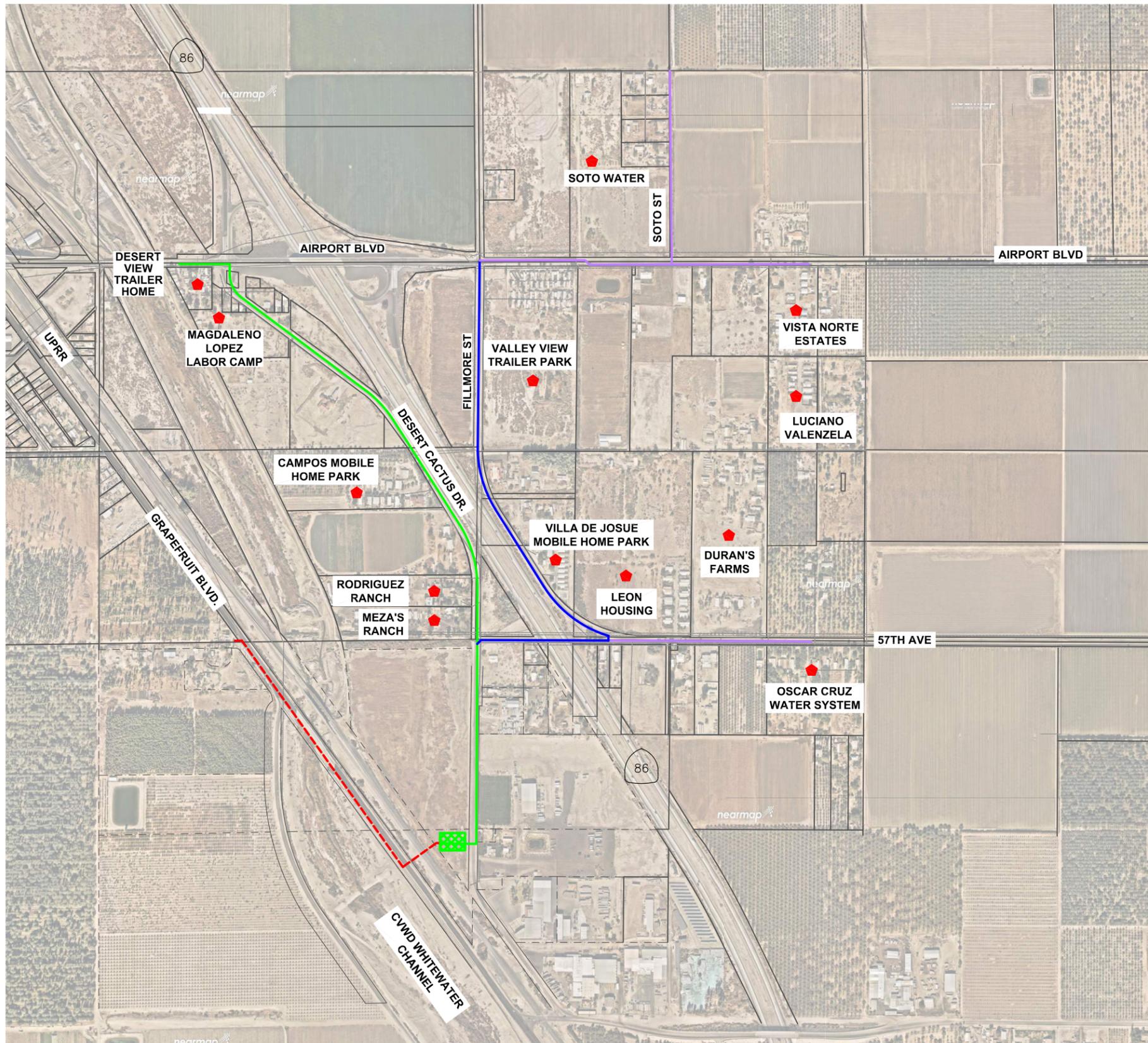
The remaining portions of the 8-inch diameter gravity sewer pipelines along Avenue 57, Airport Boulevard, and Soto Street remain unchanged.

The 10-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along Avenue 57 and to the lift station will now be constructed as a 12-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along Desert Cactus Drive.

Figure 1 shows the location of the lift station and anticipated sewer pipelines. Table 1 below provides a comparison of 2021 versus 2024 key project features.

Table 1: Comparison Of 2021 & 2024 Project Features

Project Feature	2021	2024	Significant Change?
Small Water System (SWS) Connections	13 Connections: Campos Mobile Home Park (MHP), De Leon Ranch, Desert View MHP, Durans Farms, Leon Housing, Luciano Valenzuela, Magdaleno Lopez MHP, Meza’s Ranch, Oscar Cruz Water System, Soto Water, Valley View MHP, Villa de Josue MHP and Vista Norte Estates.	13 Connections: Campos Mobile Home Park (MHP), De Leon Ranch , Desert View MHP, Durans Farms, Leon Housing, Luciano Valenzuela, Magdaleno Lopez MHP, Meza’s Ranch, Oscar Cruz Water System, Rodriguez Ranch , Soto Water, Valley View MHP, Villa de Josue MHP and Vista Norte Estates.	No
Lift Station Location	Located along eastern edge of APN 757-090-025 approximately 800 feet west of Desert Cactus Drive	Located approximately 1000 feet southeast of previously analyzed location within APN 757-090-009.	No
Force Main Size	6-inch Force Main from lift station under UPRR and along Grapefruit Boulevard. Crosses the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel using the existing SR-111 bridge.	Two (2) 6-inch Force Mains from lift station under UPRR and along Grapefruit Boulevard. Crosses the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel using the existing SR-111 bridge.	No
Gravity Main Sizes	8-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along portions of Avenue 57, Fillmore Street, Desert Cactus Drive, Airport Boulevard and Soto Street. 10-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along Avenue 57.	8-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along portions of Avenue 57, Airport Boulevard, and Soto Street. 10-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along portions of Avenue 57 and Fillmore Street. 12-inch diameter gravity sewer pipeline along portions of Desert Cactus Drive and Airport Boulevard.	No



LEGEND

-  PARCEL LINES
-  12" GRAVITY MAIN
-  10" GRAVITY MAIN
-  8" GRAVITY MAIN
-  (2) 6" FORCE MAIN
-  PROPOSED LIFT STATION
-  SMALL WATER SYSTEM



SCALE: 1" = 400'

FIGURE 1:
VALLEY VIEW SEWER
OVERVIEW EXHIBIT



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3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As described in Section 2.0, the Project features and components have minimally changed from the 2021 IS/MND. Due to the minimal changes with relocation of the lift station outside of the previously evaluated parcel, only biological resources, cultural resources, and hazards and hazardous materials are evaluated in this addendum. The anticipated environmental impacts to environmental resources, with exception to the three above, have not changed. This section only discusses these potential resources.

3.1 Biological Resources

The Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project – Avenue 54 to Thermal Drop Structure Environmental Impact Report was reviewed, which encompassed the new lift station location, and identified the parcel as agricultural, which is identical to the previously evaluated lift station location. Pedestrian surveys were conducted and no biological sensitivities or sensitive species habitat were identified within the new lift station location. The 2021 IS/MND previously identified measure **BIO-1** for nesting birds to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to biological resources, and this measure is still applicable to this project. As no new impacts are identified, and no new or additional mitigation measures necessary, impacts to biological resources remain less than significant.

3.2 Cultural Resources

The Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project – Avenue 54 to Thermal Drop Structure Environmental Impact Report was reviewed, which encompassed the new lift station location within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). Based on the cultural record search and pedestrian surveys, no historic properties or historical resources were present within the APE, and therefore there would be no impact to any historic properties or historical resources with the new lift station location. The 2021 IS/MND previously identified measures **CUL-1** through **CUL-3** for Native American monitoring and unanticipated discoveries to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to cultural resources, and these measures are still applicable to this project. As no new impacts are identified, and no new mitigation measures necessary, impacts to cultural resources remain less than significant.

3.3 Hazards or Hazardous Materials

The Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project – Avenue 54 to Thermal Drop Structure Environmental Impact Report was reviewed, which encompassed the new lift station location, and identified the parcel as vacant land, which is identical to the previously evaluated lift station location. Based on the EDR record search and site reconnaissance, there are no known onsite conditions that would lead to environmental soil sampling, soil remediation, groundwater sampling, and/or groundwater remediation within the new lift station location. The 2021 IS/MND previously identified measure **HAZ-1** for hazardous materials management and spill control plan to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to hazards or hazardous materials, and this measure is still applicable to this project. As no new impacts are identified, and no new mitigation measures necessary, impacts to hazards or hazardous materials remain less than significant.

3.4 Federal "Cross-Cutting Regulations"

This section addresses the federal "cross-cutting regulations" referred to as CEQA-Plus and which are relevant for the domestic water pipeline project. As no new impacts were identified, and no new or additional mitigation measure are necessary, compliance with relevant federal laws, executive orders, and policies, and consultation disclosed in the 2021 IS/MND is still applicable. The cross-cutting federal requirements identified in the CWSRF regulations at 40 CFR §35.3145 and the USDA Environmental Policies and Procedures at 7 CFR §1970 will continue to be met and no further discussion is required.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Acting as CEQA Lead Agency, and through review of the Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project and supporting documents describing the proposed action, CVWD has determined that neither a Subsequent nor Supplemental Negative Declaration is required. This Addendum provides the necessary information for the approval of the proposed action. Because there are no new or substantially more significant impacts, the Addendum need not be circulated for public review.

Based on the foregoing analysis, the proposed minor change in the project is determined to be consistent with the description of the environmental setting, environmental impacts and mitigation measures as set forth in the certified *Airport Boulevard Sewer Consolidation Project IS/MND (2021)*.

5.0 REFERENCES

Coachella Water District (CVWD). 2019. Final Environmental Impact Report, Responses to Comments, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project – Avenue 54 to Thermal Drop Structure (State Clearinghouse No. 2015111067). October.

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