



## Notice of Recirculation and Availability

### Recirculated Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

### *Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Project*

### State Clearinghouse No. 2015071047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), as lead agency, has prepared and is recirculating the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Project, State Clearinghouse No. 2015071047, for public review and comment pursuant to State of California Public Resources Code Section 21092 and *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15087. This notice is provided under State *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15088.5(d) and is required when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice for public review of the Draft EIR, but prior to certification. New information added to an EIR is not “significant” unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project, or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including a feasible project alternative) that the project’s proponent has declined to implement.

- Interested agencies and parties are invited to comment on the Recirculated Draft PEIR. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), reviewers of this document should limit their comments to the new material that has been included in this recirculated document and should not make new comments on matters not included in the document.
- The Recirculated Draft PEIR is available for review at the locations listed at the bottom of this notice.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Encompassing roughly 153 square miles, the Master Plan Area is generally located in the eastern portion of the Coachella Valley in unincorporated Riverside County and includes the communities of Mecca, North Shore, Thermal, Oasis, and Vista Santa Rosa in addition to portions of the city of Coachella. The Master Plan Area is bounded on the north by Wasteway No. 2 Channel, and the cities of Coachella and Indio, on the west by the city of La Quinta, CVWD’s Dike No. 4, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area, on the east by the East Side Dike, and on the south by the Salton Sea and Travertine Palms area just south of the Riverside County border within northwestern Imperial County. While no Facilities are proposed to be located in the City of La Quinta, a portion of the Master Plan Area is within that city. (See **Figure 1 – Vicinity Map** and **Figure 2 – Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Area**.)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Draft PEIR for the Master Plan evaluated the administration, right-of-way acquisition (to the extent necessary) and construction of Master Plan Facilities, and the operation and maintenance of Facilities; herein after collectively referred to as the “Project” identified in the Master Plan. The Master Plan is a comprehensive conceptual stormwater master plan that identifies conceptual locations, alignments, and sizes for primary drainage Facilities to address the current and future drainage needs of the approximately 153-square mile Master Plan Area.

**Administration of the Master Plan:** The Master Plan will be a guide for the alignment, type, size, and cost estimate of major proposed facilities (Facilities) within the Master Plan Area to address the current and future drainage needs of Eastern Coachella Valley. New development may be required to construct Facilities or set aside right-of-way for future Master Plan Facilities. Local jurisdictions may also use the Master Plan to identify Facilities and cost estimates for inclusion in capital improvement programs.

**Construction of the Master Plan Facilities:** The Master Plan proposes the construction of over 100 miles of storm drains and channels, approximately 99 acres of debris basins, 11.25 miles of training levees, and modifications to the existing Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel as shown on **Figure 2 – Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Area**. The locations and types of Facilities depicted in the Master Plan are conceptual and can change as more detailed information becomes available during the design process. The construction of the Master Plan Facilities will be accomplished in discrete phases by different private entities and public agencies over a number of decades as the region develops.

**Facilities Operation and Maintenance:** Once a Facility is constructed maintenance is required in order to retain the function and flood control capacity. It is anticipated that CVWD will operate and maintain most of the Master Plan Facilities.

**Traffic Control Measures:** As a number of Master Plan Facilities will be within or adjacent to existing roadway rights-of-way, Traffic Control Plans will be prepared and implemented when the construction of a Facility requires temporary closure of a travel lane or road segment.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The significance of the impacts analyzed in the Recirculated Draft PEIR were unchanged by the revisions to the Master Plan. The Recirculated Draft PEIR determined that even with required mitigation measures the proposed Project would result in significant impacts to Agricultural Resources and Air Quality that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance. As a result, adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations will be required in order for the Project to be approved.

## REVISIONS TO THE RECIRCULATED DRAFT PEIR

The Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Recirculated Draft PEIR is being recirculated to inform the public regarding the following changes:

1. Revisions to the boundaries of the Master Plan as shown on **Figure 3 – Proposed Boundary Changes** and described below:
  - a. Removal of territory within the city of Coachella west of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, in which no facilities are proposed;
  - b. Removal of territory within the city of Coachella west of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, in which no facilities are proposed
  - c. Addition of unincorporated territory between the cities of Coachella and La Quinta north of Avenue 52;
  - d. Revision of the western boundary of the Master Plan to conform to the boundary of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area, except in the locations in which the conceptual alignment of proposed Facilities extend into the conservation area.

There are no changes to the proposed Master Plan Facilities from what was described and evaluated in the original Draft PEIR.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT:** The conceptual alignments of the Master Plan Facilities are not located on a toxic site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

### PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

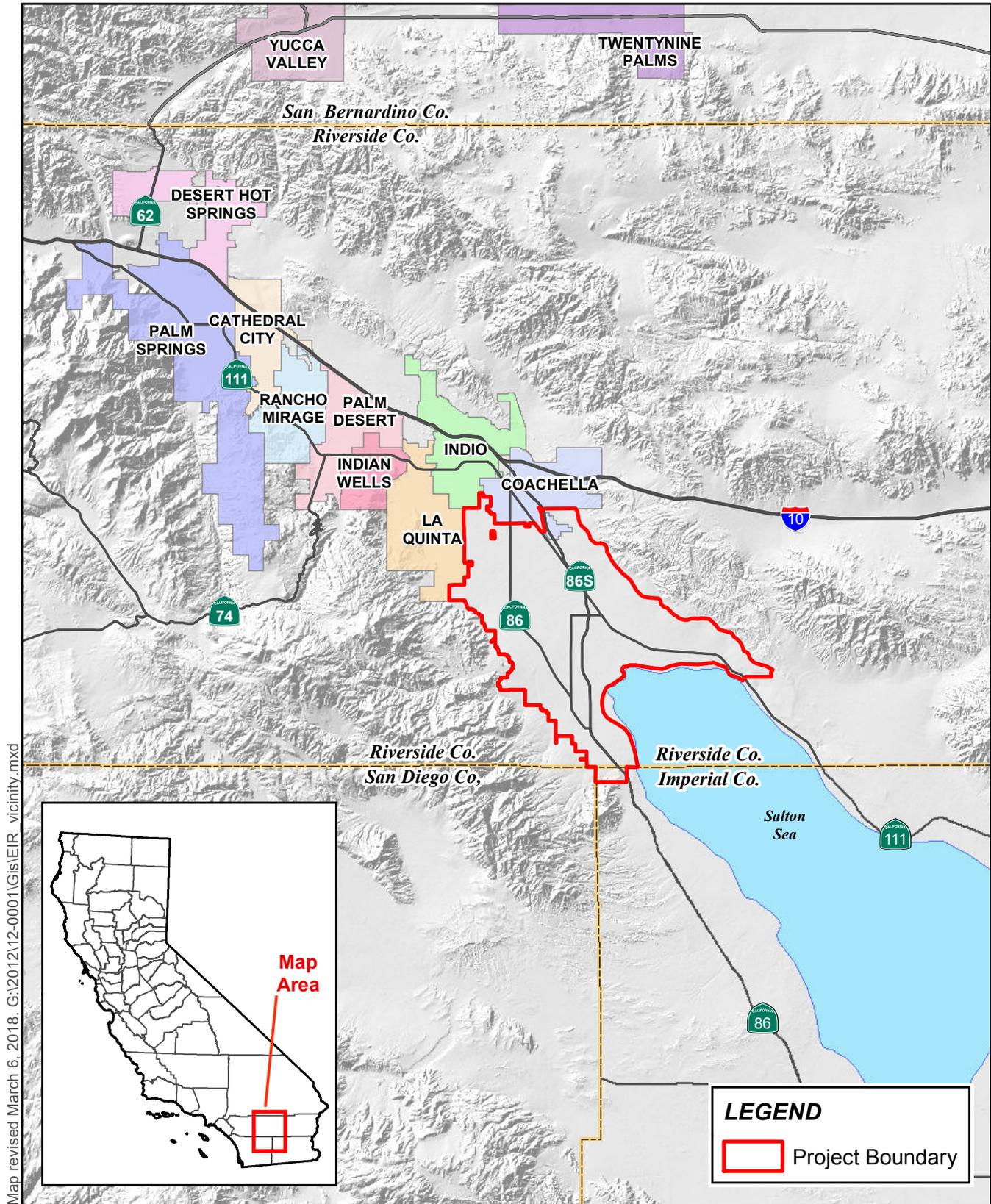
As mandated by State Law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days. As a result, the Recirculated Draft PEIR is available for public review and comment beginning, April 25, 2018 and ending June 8, 2018. CVWD as the Lead Agency will provide an electronic copy of the Recirculated Draft PEIR, and it will be made available on CVWD's website: [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org), and at the following locations:

- Mecca North Shore Library
- Salton City Branch Library
- La Quinta Public Library
- Coachella Public Library

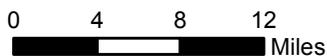
CVWD will accept written comments on the Recirculated Draft PEIR through **June 8, 2018**.

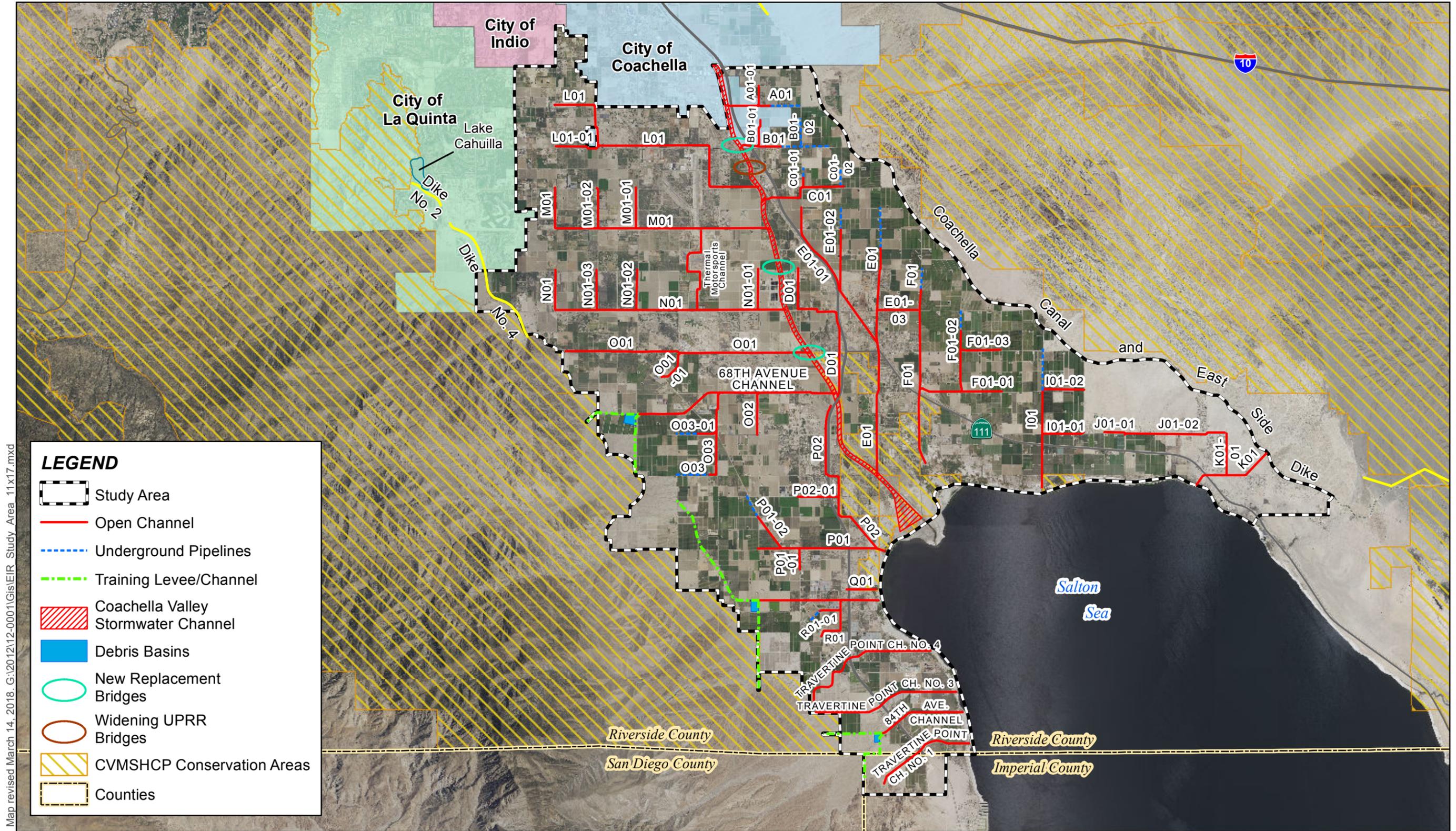
Written comments should be submitted via e-mail to: [WPatterson@cvwd.org](mailto:WPatterson@cvwd.org), or mailed to:

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**Figure 1 - Vicinity Map**  
 Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan

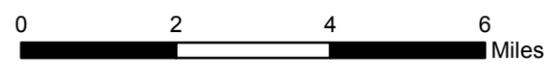


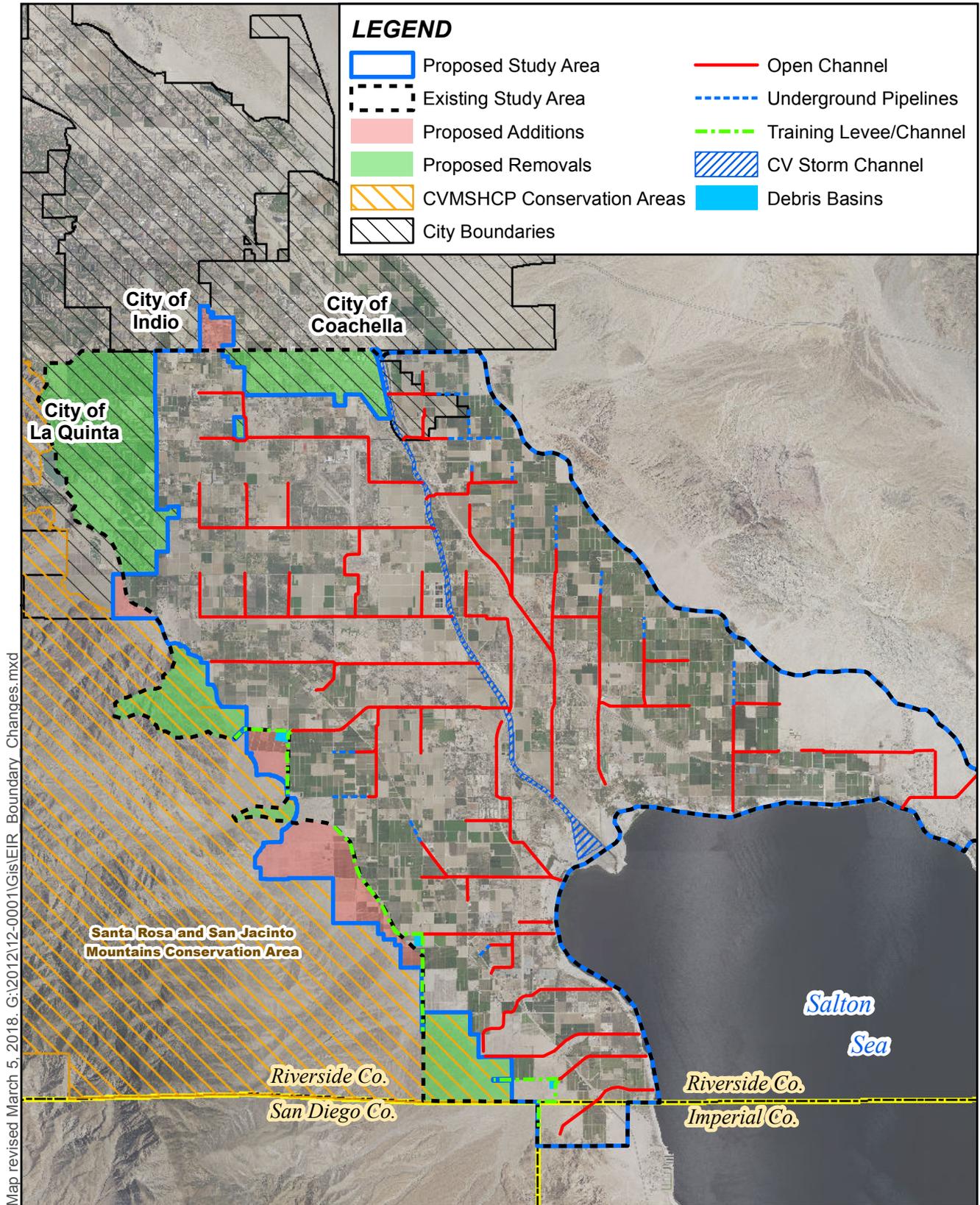


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Sources: CVMSHCP, 2014; Riverside Co. GIS, 2018; USDA NAIP, 2016.

**Figure 2 - Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan Area**  
Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan





**Figure 3 - Proposed Boundary Changes**  
 Eastern Coachella Valley Stormwater Master Plan

