

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

MEETING DATE(S): NOVEMBER 13 & 17, 2025

FROM: ERIC WECK, P.E. ENGINEERING MANAGER

FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION _____ INFORMATION _____



RESOLUTION 2025-20 ~ APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20 approving the Initial Study (IS), including a finding therein that the replacement of Mitigation Measure (MMs) BIO-1, BIO-2, BIO-3, and BIO-4 with revised MMs BIO-1 and BIO-4 constitutes replacement of mitigation measures that are equivalent or more effective in avoiding potential significant effects, and that it in themselves will not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 15074.1, and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mission Springs Water District Street Improvements for the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project and authorize the General Manager to file the Notice of Determination (NOD).

SUMMARY

As part of the Nancy Wright Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, District staff entered into a contract with TKE Engineering to complete the design plans and environmental clearance for the roadway construction around the NWRWRF. Asphalt concrete roadways, curbs and gutters and sidewalks will be constructed along the property frontages of 19th Avenue, 20th Avenue and Little Morongo Road. Per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, the scope of work necessary for the proposed roadway improvements required an IS (environmental review). Tom Dodson & Associates conducted an Initial Study (environmental review) which determined that this project qualifies for an MND to comply with CEQA requirements.

FINANCIAL DATA		
Cost Associated with this action:		\$0
Current FY cost:		\$0
Future FY cost:		\$0
Is it covered in current budget year:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget adjustment needed:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, year needed:		N/A
All previous contracts, including dates, amounts and board approvals are attached or have been made available.		
FUNDING SOURCES		
Source of funds:		Water 301
BID/Job#		11769
Current BID/Job balance		\$2,303,758
Balance remaining if approved:		\$2,302,812

ANALYSIS

The Initial Study concluded that implementation of the roadway improvement project will not result in individual or cumulative significant adverse impacts if the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) provisions of the MND are followed. Comments are attached to this staff report, and notification of this regular board meeting has been provided pursuant to Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines. Consideration for proceeding with the Street Improvements for the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project is contingent upon adoption of the MND. This action and filing of the NOD concludes this portion of the environmental review "compliance with CEQA". The attached NOE provides additional details regarding why the project meets the exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The cost for adopting the resolution, approving the IS, adopting the MND, and filing the Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse is included in the current design contract with TKE Engineering. This action is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal 5.1 - Increase Use of Sustainable Energy Sources and Optimize Efficiencies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2025-20

Attachment B: MND

Attachment C: Final Initial Study (including MMRP and Comment Letters and Responses to Comments)

Attachment D: NOD