

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT SCH #2026040663

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1972, as amended, requires that prior to approval of any project, the Lead Agency shall consider the potential impacts and effects of said project, and identify mitigation measures necessary to reduce or eliminate potential significant impacts of the project on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District is the Lead Agency for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Groundwater Quality Protection Program in accordance with CEQA and its implementing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District issued a Notice of Availability of a MND which assessed the project's potential environmental impact(s). Said notice was distributed to the State Clearing House and ten other local agencies and interested parties. The notice stated that the MND would be available for public review and comment from April 14 to May 14, 2026. Further, the Notice of Completion was distributed to the state to notice the above review period; and

WHEREAS, the MND determined that the potential adverse environmental impacts are either non-significant without mitigation or can be reduced to a level of insignificance with mitigation, including the following issues that required mitigation to reduce impacts to a level of less than significant: Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire, with the remaining impacts remaining less than significant or no impact (Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, and Recreation); and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District Board of finds that the revised Mitigation Measure (**MM**) **BIO-1** constitutes replacement of **MMs** **BIO-1**, **BIO-2**, and **BIO-3** with language that is equivalent or more effective in mitigation or avoiding potential significant effects and that it in itself will not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 15074.1; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District Board of finds that the revised **MM** **BIO-4** constitutes replacement of **MM** **BIO-4** with language that is equivalent or more effective in mitigation or avoiding potential significant effects and that it in itself will not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Section 15074.1; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors has received and has reviewed the MND, consisting of the Initial Study, all Responses to Comments, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and all other material in the administrative record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to duly given public notice, the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors has held a full and fair public meeting on June 15, 2026, concerning the Groundwater

Quality Protection Program and the MND and has considered all written and oral comments and testimony relating thereto and is fully advised thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. A full and fair public meeting having been held on the MND prepared in connection with the Groundwater Quality Protection Program Septic to Sewer Project, as stated in the recitals herein, the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Section 2. The Mission Springs Water District hereby authorizes and directs the: (1) filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) as required by Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code, and that filing required pursuant to Section 21089 (b) of the Public Resources Code by the Director of Operations with the Riverside County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse, Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and (2) Payment of the NOD and California Department of Fish and Game filing fees.

Section 3. The Mission Springs Water District hereby adopts the mitigation measures recommended as conditions of project approval as presented in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the purpose of monitoring the mitigation measures which have been adopted or made a condition of project approval as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and all as more fully described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Section 4. The Mission Springs Water District hereby finds the replacement of **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.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

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President of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

