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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Mission Springs Water District
66575 Second Street
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

and

Riverside County, County Clerk
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

RES-BCT and Regional Water Reclamation Facility Solar Development Project

Project Title

SCH #2025090815

State Clearinghouse Number

Danny Friend, Director of Operations

Lead Agency Contact Person

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Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Project Location:

The Mission Springs Water District (MSWD or District) service area is located in southern California within the northwestern portion of the Coachella Valley. The project will occur within several parcels owned by the District along Little Morongo Road, at and just north of the Nancy Wright Regional Water Reclamation Facility (RWRF). The project is generally located at 19011 Little Morongo Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240, and surrounds the existing photovoltaic system owned by the District. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Desert Hot Springs, CA, and is located in Section 14, Township 3 South and Range 4 East. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project area are 33.911291°, -116.528833°.

Project Description:

As part of the District's continued development of the Nancy Wright Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility [Nancy Wright RWRF], the District has determined that its operations would be best served with expanded solar generation to the north of the Nancy Wright RWRF site. Thus, the District will serve as the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, which would involve installation of ground mounted solar to the north and west of the existing solar plant located at the northwest intersection of 19th Avenue and Little Morongo Road. The first photovoltaic system would be installed in support of the existing RES-BCT site (north of the existing photovoltaic system along Little Morongo Road) and would be sized at 3,585 kilowatts (kW) (the system's Direct Current [DC] system rating). The second photovoltaic system would be installed in support of the Nancy Wright RWRF site (west of the existing photovoltaic system along 19th Avenue), and would be sized at 392.04 kW (the system's DC system rating). Each of the proposed solar facilities will require installation of associated transmission lines and electrical appurtenances. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in Quarter 4 of 2025, and conclude in (approximately) the second quarter of 2026. The photovoltaic systems at the Nancy Wright RWRF and RES-BCT would generate a combined 3.97 megawatt of electricity per day.

This is to advise that the Mission Springs Water District has approved the above described project on

☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency

_____ and has made the following determination regarding the above-described project:

(Date)

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1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

Mission Springs Water District located at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 and online at mswd.org/solarceqa

Signature

Title

Date