

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

MEETING DATE(S): OCTOBER 16 & 20, 2025

FROM: DANNY FRIEND, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION _____ INFORMATION _____



RESOLUTION 2025-19 TO APPROVE THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT RES-BCT AND REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 approving the Initial Study (IS) and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mission Springs Water District RES-BCT and Regional Water Reclamation Facility Solar Development Project and authorize the General Manager to file the Notice of Determination (NOD).

SUMMARY

In late 2024, the Board approved a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) solar project. The PPA project includes Horton WWTP, the NWRWRF, and the newly designated RES-BCT solar sites. Per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, the NWRWRF and RES-BCT sites 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.

ANALYSIS

The Initial Study concluded that implementation of the solar 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 RES-BCT and Regional Water Reclamation Facility Solar Development 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 adoption of the resolution approving the IS and adopting the MND will result in an approximately cost of \$12,000 to conduct the bio survey portion of the MMRP and filing fee for the NOD. This action is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal 5.1 - Increase Use of Sustainable Energy Sources and Optimize Efficiencies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2025-19
Attachment B: MND
Attachment C: MMRP
Attachment D: Comment Letters
Attachment E: Initial Study
Attachment F: NOD

FINANCIAL DATA

Cost Associated with this action:	~\$12,000	
Current FY cost:	~\$12,000	
Future FY cost:	\$0	
Is it covered in current budget year:	YES ☒	NO ☐
Budget adjustment needed:	YES ☐	NO ☒
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 201
BID/Job#	11776
Current BID/Job balance	\$293,794.04
Balance remaining if approved:	\$281,794.04