



Carpinteria Valley Water District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INTENT TO ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE VENTURA-SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES INTERTIE PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) and Casitas Municipal Water District propose to construct and operate an intertie pipeline with pumping and treatment facilities between the two districts, (herein referred to as “proposed project” or “project”).

The Project will improve regional water supply reliability for both agencies. Ventura and Santa Barbara counties are susceptible to natural disasters such as wildfires, landslides, and earthquakes which can lead to water supply outages. The project would allow Casitas and Santa Barbara County water purveyors to transfer local potable water supplies in either direction, as necessary. In addition, the project would provide Casitas with a means of accessing its State Water Project water allocations to supplement existing supplies resulting in a more resilient water supply portfolio. The proposed project would not be utilized to increase the amount of water currently being supplied to existing customers or to provide water to areas currently not serviced by Casitas or Carpinteria Valley Water District.

Project Location: The project site is located in the unincorporated southwestern portion of Ventura County and the unincorporated southeastern portion of Santa Barbara County and is approximately 0.3 mile east of the City of Carpinteria boundary. The project site traverses State Route (SR) 192 and SR 150, both of which are under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Pipeline would be constructed running from Lake Jocelyn southwest along SR192 across SR 150 into farmland within Ventura County where it will tie into the Rincon Pipeline operated by Casitas Municipal Water

Public Comment: The CVWD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the CVWD prior to the close of the public comment period. Comments should be provided to the CVWD General Manager, Bob McDonald at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, (805) 684-2816, bob@cvwd.net prior to the close of the public comment period on August 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. CVWD will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on August 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM located at CARPINTERIA CITY HALL, 5775 CARPINTERIA AVE, CARPINTERIA, CA 93013.

PROJECT DETAILS: The project involves the construction and operation of potable water infrastructure to connect the Casitas and Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) water transmission systems. The proposed project includes approximately 7,100 linear feet (LF; 1.3 miles) of new 16-inch-diameter potable water pipeline, two new booster pump stations, replacement of select portions of the existing Rincon Main, and improvements to infrastructure at other existing Casitas facilities. The pipeline would traverse the boundary between Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and act as a two-way intertie to allow the transfer of water between Casitas and CVWD, as necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The CMWD has prepared and adopted an MND pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The MND may be reviewed by visiting the CMWD's website at <https://www.casitaswater.org/home/showpublisheddocument/4747/638144874579505030> or a hard copy can be reviewed at the CVWD District Offices at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave.