

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:

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| Public Agency: | Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) |
| Project Name: | Well No. 102 – Wellhead Treatment Facilities (Project No. D1723) |
| Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 ½’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name). | Well No. 102 is situated in the northwest corner of a five-acre parcel owned by RCWD at 28061 Diaz Road in Temecula, Riverside County, California, in Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian. |
| Project Description: | The proposed project includes the construction of new wellhead treatment facilities at the District’s existing Well No. 102 site. Well No. 102 is an existing municipal production well that currently supplies water, as needed, to the District’s non-potable distribution system. The proposed wellhead treatment facilities would include the replacement of the existing well pumping equipment and appurtenances; a series of steel pressure filters for removal of organic carbon (TOC), Iron, and Manganese; a bolted steel filter backwash storage tank; backwash pumps; disinfection facilities; electrical facilities; and miscellaneous piping, valving, and instrumentation. Occasionally, settled solids from the backwash tank would be extracted and disposed of at the District’s nearby wastewater treatment facility or properly licensed disposal facility. The proposed treated water from the wellhead facilities would be re-plumbed to connect to an existing District-owned potable waterline adjacent to the property. The Well No. 102 site is asphalt-paved and enclosed by an existing block wall. Some minor grading and excavation would be required to accommodate the proposed facilities; however, no impervious area will be added to the site. |

The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis on such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

- The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
- The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
- The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
- The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
- A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
- A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.

If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:

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| Date: | Time: | Location: |
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Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency’s office located at: 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, CA 92590 or can be downloaded from the District’s website: www.ranchowater.com

Lead Agency address: 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, CA 92590

Comments will be received from January 27, 2014 to February 26, 2014

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to February 26, 2014. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 8:30AM (PST)

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received

for Filing: _____

Andrew Webster

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Chief Engineer

Title

