



Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE: Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA-Public Resources Code, Section 2110 et. seq.), the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, County of San Bernardino has determined that the project referenced hereinafter will not have a significant effect on the environment.

PROJECT TITLE: BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION PROGRAM: AMES/RECHE GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM; AND PIPELINE INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

PROJECT LOCATION: BDVWA is located in the southern portion of San Bernardino County near Yucca Valley in the unincorporated communities of Landers and Flamingo Heights. BDVWA encompasses 44 square miles, providing water service to 1,900 customers in portions of Yucca Valley, Landers, Flamingo Heights and Johnson Valley.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The WIRP outlines specific system improvements to remediate deficiencies in the BDVWA water system over the first five years of a 20-year period including the Ames/Reche Water Storage and Recovery Program improvements and the Pipeline Installation/Replacement Project. Specific improvements in the Ames/Reche Water Storage and Recovery Program include: spreading grounds construction and operation; connecting pipelines installation and installation of up to three temporary wells, two of which may remain permanently. The Pipeline Installation/Replacement Project is comprised of the following: pipeline improvements installation and/or replacement, fire hydrant installation and isolation valve replacement.

PROJECT PROPONENT: Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, 622 S. Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, California.

A copy of the Initial Study, documenting reasons to support the findings that said project will not have a significant effect on the environment, is attached hereto for public review.

An Environmental Impact Report is not required for this project.

APPEALS. Any person or agency aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the Adelanto City Council in compliance with all provision for filing of such appeals. Any such appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this decision, or it shall be dismissed by the City Council.

Marina D. West, General Manager (760) 364-2315 May 6, 2010

CONTACT PERSON	NAME AND TITLE	TELEPHONE	DATE
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

Project Information

1 Project Title

Water Infrastructure Restoration Program: AMES/RECHE GROUNDWATER STORAGE and RECOVERY PROGRAM; and PIPELINE INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT PROJECT

2 Lead Agency Name and Address

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S. Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

3 Initial Study Contact Person

Marina D. West, General Manager
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S. Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

4 Project Location

BDVWA is located in the southern portion of San Bernardino County near Yucca Valley in the unincorporated communities of Landers and Flamingo Heights. The eleven WIRP projects are located throughout the BDVWA service area.

5 Project Sponsor's Name and Address

Marina D. West, General Manager
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S. Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

6 General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designations

The proposed project site is located within the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County. Surrounding land use designations based on the San Bernardino County Land Use Plan are comprised of Rural Living (HV/RL), Rural Commercial (HV/CR and RV/CR), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

7 Surrounding Land Uses and Environmental Setting

Located in the southern portion of San Bernardino County near the town of Yucca Valley in the unincorporated communities of Landers and Flamingo Heights, the project area is comprised of typical desert vegetation such as, creosote bush, Joshua trees, and a variety of cactus. Boulders, rock outcropping and mountains are visible throughout the project area. Surrounding land uses consists primarily of very low density single family housing.

8 Land Use Consistency

The proposed project is consistent with the County of San Bernardino General Plan Land Use and Zoning Map. The proposed project is for the implementation the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Water Infrastructure Restoration Program (WIRP) located within the unincorporated portions of San Bernardino County known as Landers and Flamingo Heights.

9 Project Description

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10 Public Agencies Whose Approval May Be Required

County of San Bernardino

California Department of Transportation

US Fish and Wildlife Service (UFWS)

California Department of Fish and Game

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

California Department of Public Health

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD)