

Notice of Intent (NOI) Application Reception

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Project Name: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Forest Service N13 Repair

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Project Location: 34.120556° N, -117.080219° W

Project City and County: Highland, San Bernardino

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (District) Forest Service N13 Repair (project) involves restoring the access along a United States Forest Service (USFS) San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) Forest Road 1N13, generally from the Seven Oaks Dam area to Santa Ana River Powerhouse No. 1. The FR 1 N 13 provides access to critical water infrastructure. Further, FR 1 N 13 and an adjacent forest road (FR 1 N09) are located within a Fire Danger Rating Area (FORA) 665 -- one of six actively managed fire danger rating areas on the SBNF. Both serve complementary fire suppression functions within FORA 665, with FR 1 N09 providing ridge and upper-slope access for fuel break operations and high-ground suppression, and FR 1N13 providing canyon-floor access adjacent to the Santa Ana River. The District's proposal to restore FR 1N13 will not only provide access to maintain water infrastructure and restore municipal water supply but will also reestablish a defensible corridor between large wildland fires and populated communities in the San Bernardino Valley. Because the repairs will contribute to restoring fire-suppression and defensible-corridor functions within an actively managed fire danger rating area, they fall within the wildfire mitigation activities authorized under Regional General Permit No. 10. The District has received a letter of support from the SBNF to conduct repair of the road as it related to fire repair and preparedness (See attached). The project will restore the road to a condition that is passable by construction equipment and District service vehicles. The desired finished road width is approximately 25 feet, where feasible, recognizing that actual width may vary based on terrain, existing road prism, safety, environmental constraints, Project Activities: USFS direction, and/or field conditions. Finally, minor debris, rocks, sediment, slough, and downed material that obstructs the traveled way or drainage facilities will be removed or relocated. Debris will not be placed where it will block drainage, enter

watercourses, create slope instability, obstruct culverts, or interfere with safe road use. The SBNF FR1N13 was damaged during tropical Storm Hilary (August 2023), with significant additional damage incurred from storm and debris flows following the Line Fire in September and October 2024. Tropical Storm Hilary caused massive flooding throughout the SBNF, resulting in culvert failures, road sections being washed away, and complete road failure at multiple locations. The SBNF initiated NEPA Project No. 66989 to address Tropical Storm Hilary road repairs forest wide. The Line Fire burned approximately 43,978 acres within the San Bernardino Mountains. Post-fire burn conditions have resulted in significant erosion, and debris flows within the burn area. Because FR 1N13 is impassable, the District has been unable to access and repair the water infrastructure, which serves municipal water supply. Blading and grading will be performed in accordance with the attached USFS 811 Blading Specification and 839 Restore Drainage Specification. Suitable on-site native material generated from grading and drainage will be used. Work includes shaping the traveled way, shoulders, turnouts, berms, and drainage dips to create a uniform driving surface and restore proper surface drainage. The USFS blading specification requires the roadbed to be shaped to a uniform grade and crowned or cross-sloped as directed or marked in the field. Surfacing materials are to be loosened to at least 2 inches or to the depth of potholes or corrugations, while avoiding contamination of surfacing materials.