



State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072

PROJECT TITLE: Lake Morena Views Consolidation (Project)

APPLICANT: Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company (Applicant)

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated area of Lake Morena; San Diego County

The Project site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under section 65962.5 of the government code.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project is to consolidate the Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company (LMVMWC), Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Company Inc. (LMOSMWC), and Lake Morena County Park (LMCP) water systems into a single water distribution system. The existing LMVMWC, LMOSMWC sources will be directed to an expanded LMOSMWC treatment facility for the removal of nitrate and uranium. The Project will allow LMCP's Well No. 2 to flow directly to LMOSMWC's storage tank or to be directed to the LMOSMWC treatment facility. The destination of the water from LMCP Well No. 2 will depend on arsenic concentration in the well, which recently tested at the maximum contaminant level (MCL). LMCP's Well No. 1 will not be used as a source of potable water for the consolidated water system.

The treated water will be initially directed to the existing LMOSMWC storage tank site. The water supply to the LMVMWC service area will be pumped to the LMVMWC storage tank site by a modified pump station along Lake Morena Drive, and through a new transmission pipeline to connect the pump station to the LMVMWC storage tank site. The distribution pipeline network that conveys water from LMVMWC's storage tank to the LMVMWC's customers will be replaced and will be extended to connect to the LMOSMWC water distribution system. The LMOSMWC system will extend to connect to the existing LMCP distribution system. Pipeline looping improvements are proposed on the western portion of the improved LMCP area, near the cabins. Monitoring and controls system of the consolidated water system (wells, treatment facility, storage tanks, and booster station) will be improved through additional analyzers (nitrate), groundwater level sensors, flow meters, storage tank water level sensors, and a hard-wired communication system. New customer water meters will be installed throughout the existing LMOSMWC and LMVMWC service areas. Approximately three water meters will also

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be installed for the supply to LMCP. Minor improvements will be made to LMOSMWC's well sites and to its treatment facility site, in addition to the capacity expansion of its treatment system. A new meeting, storage, and office area will be constructed.

REVIEW PERIOD START DATE: August 08, 2025 **REVIEW PERIOD END DATE:** September 09, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.

ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, INITIAL STUDY AND REFERENCE ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

San Diego County Library – Campo-Morena Village Branch 31356 Highway 94 Campo, CA 91906

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance Environmental Review Unit 1001 I Street, 16th Floor Sacramento, CA, 95814

<u>Lead Agency California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Documents | California State Water Resources Control Board</u>

COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT: Comments on the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration should be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board by mail at the address listed above, or by email to Abbygayle.Guevara@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on September 09, 2025.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information on the Project please contact Staff Name at (916) 319-0180, or at Abbygayle.Guevara@waterboards.ca.gov.