

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT

TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Oeste Basins Groundwater Recharge Project, Piñon Hills, CA

A PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled before the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors to consider the Oeste Basins Groundwater Recharge Project, Piñon Hills, San Bernardino County, CA

DATE OF HEARING: 2/8/2024 **TIME OF HEARING:** 9:30 AM

PLACE OF HEARING: Mojave Water Agency

13846 Conference Center Drive,

Apple Valley, CA 92307

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Access Code: 883-966-397

Description of the Project: The MWA proposes to construct two, approximately 4.5-acre groundwater recharge basins on its 10-acre parcel in the Piñon Hills area. The proposed Project will also install four 8-inch diameter flexible suction hoses into the aqueduct that will feed a new 16-inch pipe that will be installed underground from the aqueduct to the recharge basin. It is anticipated that the site will percolate SWP water into the ground at approximately 2 ft per day and 9 acres of the recharge area will be in use approximately 60 percent of the time allowing a total of approximately 3,900 acre-feet per year to be recharged into the proposed groundwater basin.

The Mojave Water Agency staff has determined that the Oeste Basins Groundwater Recharge Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a mitigated negative declaration. The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors will consider the proposed project and the proposed mitigated negative declaration, at the public hearing. The mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project is available for review online on the Mojave Water Agency website at (insert link and whatever other info to help someone to find it). The meeting documents can be viewed online at (insert link and whatever else someone needs to find it).

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit their comments in writing by mail or email, or by phone between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, you may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. You may participate remotely by registering with the Mojave Water Agency. You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://www.gotomeet.me/MojaveWater/mwa-board-room You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 883-966-397. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors for consideration, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project. All correspondence received before and during the meeting will be distributed to the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors and retained for the official record.

If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that, as a result of public hearings and comments, the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands, within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed. Please send all written correspondence to

Please send all written correspondence to: Mojave Water Agency, 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307. ATTN: Matthew Johnson, Senior Water Resources Specialist. Mr. Johnson may be reached by phone at (760) 946-7032, or via e-mail at mjohnson@mojavewater.org



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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a), any request for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, that is sought in order to participate in the above-agendized public meeting, should be directed the Agency's General Manager's office at 760-946-7000 at least 24 hours prior to said meeting.