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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Title: Oeste Basin Groundwater Recharge Project

State Clearinghouse Number: _____

Project Location: Cayucos Drive, approx. 0.36 mile west of Oasis Road, and within Dept of Water Resources Right-of-Way

Project Description: The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) proposes to construct two approximately 4.5-acre basins for groundwater recharge within a 10-acre vacant parcel located on the south side of Cayucos Drive, approximately 0.36 mile west of Oasis Road, within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 3099-081-01 and the associated basin piping in an adjacent 0.03-acre area within the Department of Water Resources right-of-way, within the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County known as Piñon Hills. The Proposed Project is designed to draw approximately 4,000 acre-feet/year of State Water Project water from the California aqueduct in wet years for groundwater recharge and storage in the Oeste groundwater subbasin.

Finding: The Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, LACSD has made a determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are available for review at the Mojave Water Agency's office located at 13846 Conference Center Drive. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study was circulated for public review and comment from August 19, 2023 to September 17, 2023.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are summarized and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as part of the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study.

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