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Transmittal Memorandum



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LEAD AGENCY Indian Wells Valley Water District  
PROJECT TITLE Solar Project

PROJECT APPLICANT Indian Wells Valley Water District  
PHONE NUMBER (760) 375-5086

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 500 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard  
CITY Ridgecrest STATE CA ZIP CODE 93555

WORK ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_  30-Day Posting  35-Day Posting  45-Day Posting

CONTACT PERSON Renee Morquecho PHONE NUMBER (760) 375-5086

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- Notice of Availability.....No Fee
- Notice of Intent.....No Fee
- Notice of Preparation.....No Fee
- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other Notice \_\_\_\_\_ No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$3070.00
  - Previously paid (must attach receipt) Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
  - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2210.25
  - Previously paid (must attach receipt) Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
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  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
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  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

MAR 16 2016

MARY B. BEDARD  
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
BY HTV DEPUTY

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:

Public Agency:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
Project Name:	Solar Project
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	<p>The Project sites include six sites containing existing IWVWD facilities: Wells 9A/10 and Arsenic Treatment Plant No. 2 site, Well 30 site, Well 31 site, Well 33 site, Well 34 site, and IWVWD Office site.</p> <p>Figures 1 through 8, copies of which are included with each copy of the Initial Study for the Project, depict the location of each Project site and the facilities proposed thereon. A copy of the Initial Study is available for review at IWVWD's office located at 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California 93555 during regular business hours or on IWVWD's website at <a href="http://www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports/">www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports/</a>.</p>
Project Description:	<p>The Project consists of construction and operation of photovoltaic solar panel arrays and AC wire and conduit at six existing IWVWD sites. Project facilities will serve to provide solar-generated electrical power to existing IWVWD facilities. A more detailed description of the Project is included in the Project Initial Study.</p>

The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the State Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

- The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.**
- The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
- The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.**
- The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
- The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.**
- A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
- A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.**

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: **500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest CA 93555**

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format on the District's web page at [www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports/](http://www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports/)

Comments will be received from March 21, 2016 to April 20, 2016.

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency by no later than April 20, 2016. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

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Notice of Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 3/16/16  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code.

**The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting held at its office located at 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest CA 93555 on:**

**Date: May 9, 2016**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received  
for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT