



IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Strawberry Creek Diversion Structure Reconstruction and Pipeline
Replacement **Project No. IWD00002**

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- PROJECT TITLE:** Strawberry Creek Diversion Structure Reconstruction and Pipeline Replacement Project
- PROJECT LOCATION:** West of Tahquitz Road and within Fern Valley Road west of Tahquitz Road, south of and including a portion of Strawberry Creek, in the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 5 South, Ranch 3 East, SBB&M, and being within Idyllwild Mountain Park Co.'s Subdivision No. 7 of the County of Riverside.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Strawberry Creek diversion structure and pipeline have been in place for several decades and were constructed to intercept portions of creek flows and deliver them to the Idyllwild Water District (IWD or District) system to recharge the local groundwater basins from which IWD provides domestic water service to local consumers. The existing diversion structure will be reconstructed/rehabilitated in its current location and a new underground pipeline will replace an existing above ground line.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District has conducted an Initial Study for this Project which analyzes the potential impacts it may have on the environment. The result of this study shows that any potentially significant impacts of the Project on the environment will be mitigated to a less-than-significant level and a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence at 8:00 a.m. on October 28, 2024, and end on November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above District address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: jcriste@terranovaplanning.com. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the above address and on the District's website at <https://www.idyllwildwater.com/public-hearing-notice>.

PUBLIC MEETING: This matter has been tentatively set for public hearing before the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors on November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the District offices at 25945 Highway 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Field Code Changed