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**CORRECTED
 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
 A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
 for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project**

DATE: March 22, 2024 (corrected March 26, 2024)
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties
LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
PROJECT TITLE: Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from March 22, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The approximately 2.4-acre project site is located in the eastern portion of Santa Clarita south of State Route 14, at approximately 34° 25' 19.8" N, 118° 25' 43.5" W. The majority of the project site is located in an undeveloped area adjacent to the north of the Santa Clara River. The approximately 0.7-mile sewer line would begin on an overbank adjacent to the north of the Santa Clara River and south of State Route 14. The sewer line would travel generally east to Sand Canyon Road, where it would redirect north along Sand Canyon Road, then redirect and terminate east in two locations near existing commercial uses. Residential uses are also located adjacent to the north of the project site. See Figure 1 for a map of the project site and components. The City of Santa Clarita's General Plan land use designations and zoning for the project site include Vista Canyon Specific Plan (SP), Urban Residential (UR1) (2 dwelling units/acre), Open Space (OS), and Community Commercial (CC). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project (hereby referred to as "proposed project" or "project") involves the construction of approximately 3,500 linear feet of new 21-inch and 15-inch sewer pipeline along the north side of the Santa Clara River. An existing sewer line extends east from Vista Canyon Boulevard at the State Route 14 undercrossing within the Santa Clara River, crosses under the Sand Canyon Road bridge, and terminates approximately 600 feet east of the bridge. The purpose of the proposed project is to relocate the existing sewer line from within the flow path of the

Santa Clara River into the adjacent overbank. The existing sewer line would be abandoned in place.

The easternmost end of the proposed sewer line would be located within Sand Canyon Road and would terminate east of Sand Canyon Road near existing commercial uses. The westernmost end of the sewer line would connect to the existing sewer line west of Mitchell Hill. The project's temporary impact area totals approximately 104,000 square feet.

The proposed project also includes a 12-foot paved access road and bank protection for the proposed sewer line. The access road would generally overlap the new pipeline but would deviate from the proposed alignment where jack-and-bore construction is proposed. The access road would also include the installation of two 16-foot-wide bridges across existing drainage features.

Proposed bank protection would consist of an 8-foot-wide soil cement section with a varied height. The soil cement bank protection would be exposed, and the bed adjacent to the soil cement would be vegetated with native species.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction and operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from March 22, 2024, through April 22, 2024, at:

- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website
(<https://yourscvwater.com/departments/engineering/environmental-review>)
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Office (27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

Written comments must be submitted no later than April 22, 2024. Please address comments to:

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