

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for the Honby Tanks Pipeline Project**

**DATE:** September 21, 2023

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

**PROJECT TITLE:** Honby Tanks Pipeline 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 32-day public review period from September 21, 2023, through 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2023.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project site is located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 2801-001-900, 2805-002-008, 2805-002-902, and 2805-013-900 and within public rights-of-way within Santa Clarita, California. See Figure 1 for a map of project components. The City of Santa Clarita's General Plan land use designation and zoning designation for the project site is: Non-Urban 5 (NU5), Urban Residential 2 (UR2), and Business Park (BP). The pipeline would follow the alignment of the existing Honby Pipeline downhill from the Honby Tank site to the Santa Clara River and would be approximately 2,608 feet in length. The pipeline would cross the Santa Clara River then head west, parallel to the river to the intersection with Honby Avenue. Once the pipeline intersects with Honby Avenue, it would turn south, and connect with the existing pipeline at the intersection of Honby Avenue and Santa Clara Street. No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Honby Tanks Pipeline Project (herein referred to as "proposed project" or "project") would involve construction and operation of a new pipeline to convey water to and from the Honby Tanks and the Honby Booster Station. The new pipeline would be constructed of either steel or ductile iron and would be upsized from 16 inches in diameter to between 24 to 30 inches in diameter. A minimum 20-foot permanent easement and additional 20-foot temporary easement would be required for the project. The proposed pipeline would be buried underground for the entirety of the alignment and would not have any aboveground components upon completion. The project would require the removal of the fencing bordering the Honby Tanks due to the limited work area at the top of the slope. At the end of the existing Honby pipeline's usable life, it would be abandoned in place. The project would not involve any new operation and maintenance activities. No new employees would be required.

**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 air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire 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:**

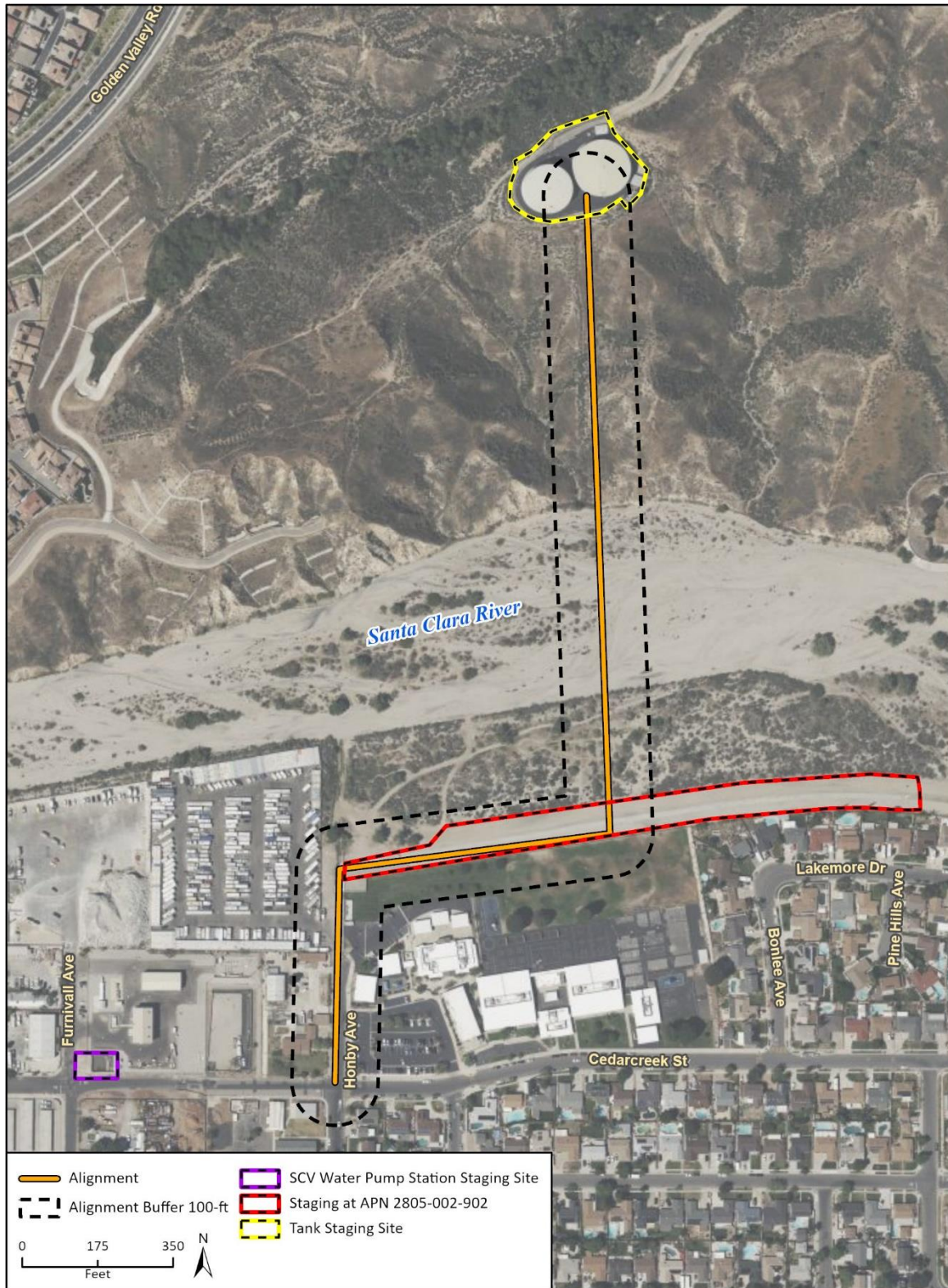
In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 32 days from September 21, 2023, through October 23, 2023, at:

- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Website (<https://yourscvwater.com/pfas/treatment-facilities/swells/>)
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Office (27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

Written comments must be submitted no later than October 23, 2023. Please address comments to:

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**Figure 1 Project Site Map**



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 Fig 2 Project Site