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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Escondido Planning Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. This preliminary finding means that there will be no significant environmental effects from the project because of specific mitigation measures related to biological resources and cultural resources; and specific design measures related to air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise, which have been incorporated into the design and implementation of the project. The description of the project is as follows:

**CASE NO.:** ENV 10-0004

**DATE ISSUED:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** December 15, 2011 – January 17, 2012

**LOCATION:** The approximately 12,600-linear foot (lf) potable water pipeline replacement project is proposed to be constructed in four narrow alignments within a 32-acre project area, generally bound by Reed Road on the north, Cloverdale Road on the east, Mountain View Drive on the south, and Whispering Highlands Drive on the west. An approximately 2,545-lf recycled water pipeline also would be constructed parallel to a portion of the proposed potable water pipeline. Oak Hill Memorial Park (Cemetery) is on the west side of the project area and some construction would occur within the Cemetery, outside of interment areas. The primary parcel for the project is the historic core of the Cemetery (APN: 240-180-03). Additional affected APNs include 231-460-02; 240-170-16, and 18; 240-190-21, 24, 34, and 56; 240-220-01, 19, 29, 30, 33, and 39; 240-230-11, 14, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 34; 240-310-16; 240-400-04, 05, 08, and 09; 240-433-01; 240-540-01, and 22; 241-010-03, 21, 26, and 31; 241-020-09; 241-021-02; 241-160-01, 02, 11, 12, 13, and 14; 241-161-02, 03, 04, 05, and 06; 241-170-08, 09; 241-171-01; 241-180-17; and 241-210-09, and 10). A pressure-reducing facility in a 10-by-20-foot structure also would be constructed in the southeast corner of the project area (APN: 241-180-17).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project consists of the abandonment of approximately 17,500 lf (3.3 miles) of existing 12- to 24-inch diameter potable water pipeline within the East Grove, Reed, and Hogback pressure zones. The pipelines would be replaced with approximately 12,600 lf of new pipeline comprising steel, ductile iron, polyvinylchloride (PVC), or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe material, as well as PVC or copper service laterals. In addition, an approximately 2,545-foot long, 20-inch diameter HDPE recycled water pipeline would be constructed in the western portion of the project area; the recycled water line would not be activated immediately. The project also would include construction of an approximately 10-by-20-foot pressure-reducing structure along the potable water pipeline alignment in the eastern portion of the project area. The proposed project would replace aging water transmission and distribution infrastructure, increase water delivery capacity and pressure to the project area, and maintain a reliable water supply and distribution system, as well as install infrastructure to accommodate future delivery of recycled water. The proposed alignments intersect with approximately 57 private parcels. The project also would abandon those existing water lines that currently bisect private lots and replace them with new lines that generally would be constructed along lot lines and/or within public rights-of-way. The primary objective of the increase in pressure or capacity that could result from the project is to improve the flow of water to existing property owners during a wildfire-related emergency. The existing pipelines would stay in service for the duration of construction, and would be either capped and abandoned in place following project implementation, or removed if necessary to provide room for the replacement lines. The preliminary project construction schedule indicates that construction activities would commence in July, 2012 and be completed in April, 2012.

**APPLICANT:** City of Escondido

The review and comment period will end **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**. A copy of the environmental Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. Written comments relevant to environmental issues will be considered if submitted to the Planning Division prior to 5:30 p.m., **January 17, 2012**. Further information may be obtained by contacting Bill Martin, Principal Planner at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-4557. Please refer to Case No. **ENV 10-0004**.

**DATED:** December 13, 2011

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