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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A 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, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise which have been agreed to by the applicant and incorporated into the design and implementation of the project. The description of the project is as follows:

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LOCATION: The approximately 7-acre project area is located in the southwestern portion of the City of Escondido's (City's) sewer service area and includes the installation of new sewer pipeline and the elimination of three sewer lift stations. From Lift Station 9, located southwest of the intersection of Hamilton Lane and Orange Avenue, the project alignment proceeds east on Hamilton Lane, and south on Bernardo Avenue, where it connects to Lift Station 11, which is located on Bernardo Avenue approximately 0.1 mile south of Hamilton Lane. From Lift Station 11, the project alignment proceeds southeast on Park Drive, connecting with Felicita Road. From Lift Station 6, which is located on Felicita Road approximately 0.1 mile north of Hamilton Lane, the project alignment proceeds south along Felicita Road. The two branches of the alignment meet at the intersection of Park Drive and Felicita Road. The project alignment then proceeds south along Felicita Road, and then east on Via Rancho Parkway. The alignment transitions to Old Via Rancho Drive for approximately 0.25 mile and then back to Via Rancho Parkway. Just west of Del Lago Boulevard and approximately 0.1 mile west of Interstate 15 (I-15), the project alignment traverses south, adjacent to Del Lago Boulevard for approximately 0.4 mile. This 0.4-mile portion of the project alignment occurs outside existing road rights-of-way, through undeveloped land. The remainder of the pipeline alignment is located within existing road rights-of-way. The new sewer pipeline would connect with the existing sewer pipeline crossing the I-15 corridor. The project includes new sewer pipeline on the east side of the I-15 corridor for approximately 300 feet, to the end of Sunset Drive at the entrance to Lift Station No. 1. The project alignment traverses through City and unincorporated San Diego County jurisdiction.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The primary objective of the project is to eliminate Sewer Lift Stations 6, 9 and 11. Elimination of Lift Stations 6, 9, and 11 would require replacement and new sewer pipelines along an approximately 3.4-mile alignment within the City and unincorporated San Diego County. The majority of the existing 8-inch pipeline along the alignment would be replaced with a new 12-inch pipeline, although a portion of the replacement alignment would include the placement of an 8-inch pipeline flowing in the opposite direction near Lift Station 6. The new pipeline placement along the project alignment would consist of a new 8-inch pipeline along Felicita Road, south of Hamilton Lane and north of Park Drive, and new 12-inch sewer pipelines along Park Drive and Felicita Road south of Park Drive. Construction methods associated with the project include trenching, horizontal directional drilling, and pipe bursting. Trenches associated with the removal of the existing pipeline and the placement of the new pipeline would be a maximum of 4-feet wide. Manholes along the alignment are 60 inches in diameter. Construction activities for trenching construction methods would occur adjacent to the 4-foot trench. An approximately 12-foot-wide corridor for construction activities adjacent to the trench is anticipated, for a total disturbance width of 16 feet. For horizontal directional drilling, access would require entrance and exit pits, measuring approximately 12 feet by 30 feet. The project would include two pits for horizontal directional drilling. One would be located at the intersection of Felicita Road and Via Rancho Parkway, within the unvegetated island and the road right-of-way between the southbound lanes and the right-turn lane onto Via Rancho Parkway. The second pit associated with horizontal directional drilling would be located within near the northern terminus of Old Via Rancho Parkway. Pipe bursting construction activities would be conducted at existing manholes. Some manholes may require small pit excavation, which is estimated to be approximately 8 feet by 12 feet and would occur within the existing road right-of-way. The project would require import of materials for pipeline base (approximately 4,000 cubic yards), road base (approximately 1,700 cubic yards), and paving

(approximately 2,500 cubic yards). It is anticipated that the export of up to 2,500 cubic yards of material that is unsuitable for base and/or trench fill would occur. The replacement/new pipeline segments would be constructed of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or high density polyethylene (HDPE).

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The review and comment period will end on April 1, 2015. 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, and online under "Projects" at <http://www.escondido.org/planning.aspx>. Written comments relevant to environmental issues will be considered if submitted to the Planning Division prior to 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2015.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Bill Martin at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-4557. Please refer to **Case No. ENV 14-0009**.

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