

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE PIPELINE 4 RELINING PROJECT  
LAKE MURRAY**

The San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Pipeline 4 Relining Project at Lake Murray. The Water Authority is hereby notifying agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the project as to the availability of the MND, and the procedures for public review and comment on the MND.

**Project Location:** The project is located in the eastern part of the City of San Diego, near the municipal boundary with the City of La Mesa, in Water Authority right-of-way (ROW) just east of, and adjacent to Lake Murray.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of the installation of welded steel liners in an approximately 5,750-foot portion of Pipeline 4 (P4). The relining is performed underground, within the existing pipeline, with worker and equipment access to the interior of the pipeline established by excavating three access portals spaced out along the pipeline alignment. All work would be confined to Water Authority ROW and City of San Diego lands. Other above-ground activities would include worker and equipment access at existing vaults, air vents, and blow-off valve stations along the project alignment, as well as equipment storage and worker activity at a specified staging yard east of the reservoir. In addition to the work related to the pipeline relining, this project also includes work to decommission the Water Authority's existing Alvarado Hydroelectric Facility, located at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. Decommissioning would entail disconnection and removal of features within the existing building and vaults.

**Environmental Effects:** The MND identified potentially significant impacts with respect to biological resources and noise. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project that either avoid the project's impacts or reduce them to less-than-significant levels.

**Availability of Document:** The Draft MND is being made available for a public review period commencing on August 24, 2015, and ending on September 24, 2015. The Draft MND and supporting appendices are available for review at the San Diego County Water Authority offices, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123. An electronic version of the Draft MND and appendices are also available for download from the Water Authority's website: <http://www.sdcwa.org>.

Additional copies may be viewed at the San Carlos Branch Library, located at 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego, CA 92119, and at the La Mesa Branch Library of the County of San Diego located at 8074 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing on the Draft MND will be held before the Water Planning Committee at the Water Authority's Board of Director's meeting on September 24, 2015. This

hearing will occur at the Water Authority's offices, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego. Persons wishing to present oral comments at the hearing should check the Water Authority's website (<http://www.sdcwa.org>) beginning one week prior to the scheduled hearing date to confirm the anticipated start time of the Water Planning Committee session.

**Comments:** The Water Authority will be accepting written comments on the Draft MND **until 5:00 p.m. September 24, 2015**. Written comments should be directed to the Water Authority's environmental consultant, AECOM (Attn: Alex Hardy), 401 West A Street, Suite 1200, San Diego, CA 92101. Comments will also be accepted by email to [alex.hardy@aecom.com](mailto:alex.hardy@aecom.com). **Please include "P4 Lake Murray Reline MND Comments" in the email subject line.**

For additional information regarding the environmental review for this project, please email Mark Tegio, Sr. at [mtegio@sdewa.org](mailto:mtegio@sdewa.org).