



**Notice to Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the
Well 25 Project
City of Jurupa Valley**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rubidoux Community Services District (hereinafter "RCSD") has completed an Initial Study for the Well 25 (hereinafter "Project"), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study is a preliminary analysis prepared by RCSD, as Lead Agency, to inform the RCSD Board of Directors, affected agencies, and the public of potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed Project. Based on the analysis in the Initial Study, it has been determined that all Project-related environmental impacts will be reduced to a level that is less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will meet the requirements of CEQA.

The proposed Project consists of construction and operation of a new groundwater well, a raw water pipeline, and a new water treatment facility. The Well 25 Site encompasses approximately 1.1 acres and is comprised of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 181-120-014 and 181-120-015. The Well 25 Site is located on Mission Boulevard near the intersection of Mission Boulevard/Daly Avenue. The Raw Water Pipeline Alignment would extend approximately 2,640 linear feet from the wellhead at the Well 25 Site, along Mission Boulevard, Daly Avenue, and 34th Street and terminate at the new treatment facility. The new treatment facility would be constructed at either: (i) the Potential Thompson Expansion Site, (ii) the Leland J. Thompson Facility (Thompson Facility), or (iii) the LaVerne Mahnke Manganese Treatment Facility (Mahnke Facility). The Potential Thompson Expansion Site encompasses approximately 1.4 acres of vacant land located east of the Thompson Facility on the south portion of APN 181-120-014. The Thompson Facility encompasses approximately 3.2 acres at 5249 34th Street, Jurupa Valley on APN 179-230-019. The Mahnke Facility encompasses approximately 0.35 acres site at the southwest corner of 34th Street/Crestmore Road on APN 179-281-027. (See **Figure 1 – Project Site.**)

The Well 25 component of the proposed Project consists of the design, drilling, construction, and operation of a new community groundwater well, known as Well 25. Well 25 is proposed to be approximately 16 inches in diameter and drilled to a depth of approximately 200 feet below ground surface with a target production capacity of 1,500 GPM. Well 25 would be equipped with a 75 to 150 horse power (hp) electric motor. The wellhead and approximately 200 linear feet of above-ground piping (including valves) would be constructed on top of a concrete pad. Site improvements also include an approximately 400 square foot (SF) electrical building to house the electronics to operate the well; SCADA antenna, standby backup diesel generator installed on a concrete pad in a waterproof sound attenuation enclosure; a Southern California Edison (SCE) meter and transformer, both installed on concrete pads; and driveway access to the site from Mission Boulevard. The Well 25 Site would be developed with a paved surface area, small detention basin for site runoff and well discharges, and an interior block wall enclosure for sound attenuation. For security purposes, the Well 25 Site would be enclosed with an 8-foot tall CMU wall. Access to the site will be via a locked wrought iron gate from Mission Boulevard. Minimal landscaping is anticipated.

As part of the construction of Well 25, an approximately 12-inch diameter pilot bore hole would be drilled to the expected final depth of the well. Following drilling of the bore hole, the larger diameter well would

be drilled. As part of the design of the electrical building and other site improvements, two shallow geotechnical borings would be done at the Well 25 Site. These borings would be filled.

The Project also includes approximately 2,640 linear feet of raw water pipeline from the wellhead at the Well 25 Site to the proposed water treatment facility. This pipeline would be constructed within public rights-of-way (ROW) within Mission Boulevard, Daly Avenue, and 34th Street. An encroachment permit from the Jurupa Valley would be required to construct this pipeline.

The Project also includes expansion of the existing treatment capacity for RCSD. The new treatment facility would be constructed at either the Potential Thompson Expansion Site, the Thompson Facility, or the Mahnke Facility. The treatment facility would consist of new treatment vessels and piping for either an IX or GAC water treatment system to treat the anticipated contaminants of manganese and PFAS/PFOS. The current plants have capacity to treat the District's other wells in the local area for similar contaminants. Either new treatment vessels and piping would be constructed at the Thompson Expansion Site or additional treatment vessels would be added and piping configured within the footprints of the Thompson Facility or Mahnke Facility, which would result in a net increase of treatment capacity by 1,500 GPM to accommodate planned and expected growth within RCSD's water service area and offset projected degradation in water quality to maintain system reliability.

Construction of Well 25, the raw water pipeline, and the treatment facility is estimated to take approximately 18 months total.

Pursuant to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15087(c)(6), no hazardous material waste sites are located within the Project area as reviewed by this Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Copies of the Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) are available for public review at the RCSD's office located at 3590 Rubidoux Boulevard, Jurupa Valley, California 92509. The IS/MND is also available on RCSD's website at <https://www.rcsd.org>. All documents referenced in the Initial Study are available for public review at those locations identified in the Initial Study.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, this Public Notice is to officially notify the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on **August 28, 2024**. Any comments on the proposed Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration or requests for information should be sent to:

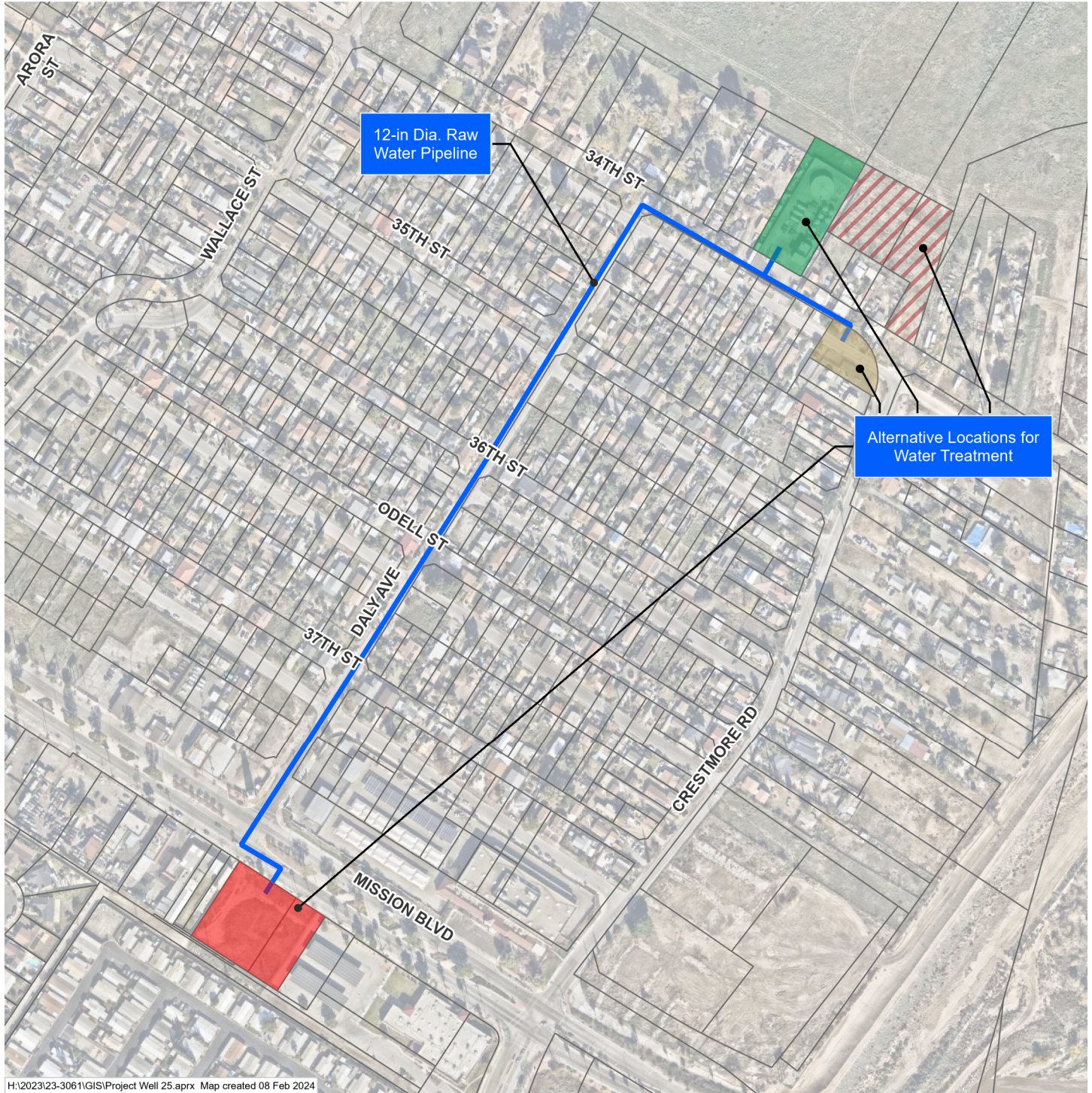
Rubidoux Community Services District
Attn: Ted Beckwith, Director of Engineering (tbeckwith@rcsd.org)
3590 Rubidoux Boulevard
Jurupa Valley, California 92509

Written comments must be received at the above address or via email by **5:00 pm on September 26, 2024**. Any written comments received will be forwarded to the District's Board of Directors and will be considered before the Mitigated Negative Declaration is approved for adoption. A public hearing of RCSD's Board of Directors to take action on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held at **4:00 pm. on October 17, 2024**, at the District's Boardroom located at 3590 Rubidoux Boulevard, Jurupa Valley, California 92509.

Questions or request for electronic copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration should be directed to Ted Beckwith at the address provided above, by phone at (951) 512-1255, or by e-mail at tbeckwith@rcsd.org.

FIGURE 1

PROJECT SITE



H:\2023\23-3061\GIS\Project Well 25.aprx Map created 08 Feb 2024

LEGEND

- Well 25 Site
- La Verne Mahnke Manganese Treatment Facility
- Leland J Thompson Water Treatment Facility
- Potential Thompson Expansion Site
- Raw Water Pipeline



0 175 350 Feet

Sources: NearMap Imagery, 2023; Riverside County GIS, 2023.