NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is circulating an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Western Coachella Valley Flood and Blowsand Road Improvement Project – ACCESS Indian Canyon Drive Project for public review and comment.

Location The project is generally located south of Interstate 10 starting at Palm Springs Station Road and continuing south to Sunrise Parkway within the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 669-080-002, 669-240-006, 669-240-004, and 669-100-008.

Project Name: Western Coachella Valley Flood and Blowsand Road Improvement Project, ACCESS Indian Canyon Drive

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15050 and California Public Resources Code Section 21067, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), acting in its Lead Agency role, has determined that the project is described below:

Project Description: The project proses to construct a bridge system to address safety concerns regarding the conveyance of floodwaters and blowsand along Indian Canyon Drive and the local vicinity including:

- Elevated bridge system spanning a portion of Whitewater River along Indian Canyon Drive designed to improve drainage crossing, prevent scour, and facilitate wildlife crossing.
- A bike trail along the west side of Indian Canyon Drive connecting to the existing Coachella Valley Link [trail] (40-mile regional multi-modal pathway) at the Sunrise Parkway intersection.
- Roadway improvements along Indian Canyon Drive
- Access road on the west side of the proposed elevated bridge system to provide utility and maintenance access.

The Draft IS/MND is available online at: https://cvag.org/cvag-transportation-public-notices/

A printed, hardcopy may be viewed during normal business hours at CVAG, 74-199 El Paseo, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: November 12, 2026 to December 16, 2026

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS: Public comments must be received by December 16, 2026.

PROJECT IMPACTS: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate the potentially significant impacts to Biological and Tribal Cultural Resources to less than significant impact. Additionally, the project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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