CITY OF MORENO VALLEY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Moreno Valley (City) is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Section 15070 of the CEQA guidelines. A copy of the **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and the **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**, which supports the proposed findings, are on file at the City of Moreno Valley.

Project: Sunnymead Master Drainage Plan Line F and F-7

Applicant: City of Moreno Valley

Owner: Private

Location: The proposed Project begins at the corner of Hemlock Avenue and Graham Street, continuing

westerly along Hemlock Avenue, then turning southerly through the Towngate Racquet Club Apartments, continuing southerly crossing State Route 60 and then Sunnymead Boulevard,

ending at a proposed basin lying southerly of Sunnymead Boulevard.

Proposal: The Project would include approximately 4,200 feet of storm drain, 10 catch basins, two

infiltration facilities, two diversion structures, one weir structure, and energy dissipation where

necessary.

Council District: 1

This Notice of Intent (NOI) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the City of Moreno Valley, as the Lead Agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the project as described below.

<u>Project Description:</u> The proposed improvements are intended to provide a flood protection level up to a 100-year storm event in the local area. The Project improvements would include approximately 4,200 feet of storm drain, 10 catch basins, two infiltration facilities, two diversion structures, one weir structure and energy dissipation, where necessary. The Project would also include a dual-purpose Stormwater Management and Retention Treatment (SMART) basin south of Sunnymead Boulevard. The basin would reduce flows through detention of the peak rate of the 100-year storm, while also providing a low flow retention element to support habitat and preserve beneficial uses through infiltration and recharge of groundwater. The Project Site is not included on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5

<u>Document Availability:</u> The IS/MND, and all documents incorporated and/or referenced therein, can be reviewed during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City of Moreno Valley Planning Division counter, located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. The documents may also be reviewed on the City's website at http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/cdd/documents/about-projects.html.

<u>Potential Environmental Impacts:</u> The City of Moreno Valley has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects associated with the above actions and finds the issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental review. The IS/MND concludes that all potentially significant impacts of the Project would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Comment Deadline: Pursuant to Section 15105(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has established a 30-day public review period for the IS/MND, which begins April 12, 2025, and ends May 12, 2025. Written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the City of Moreno Valley Community Development Department by no later than the conclusion of the 30-day review period, 5:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025. Written comments on the IS/MND should be addressed to:

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