

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PALMDALE
WATER DISTRICT AND LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MULTI-YEAR
WATER TRANSFER PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palmdale Water District (PWD) plans to adopt Negative Declaration for the proposed Palmdale Water District and Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) Multi-Year Water Transfer Project. The public hearing is expected to be held by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM, at the District Office, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550. PWD Board meetings are currently accessible to the public via teleconference only. The dial in number is: 571-748-4021, Attendee PIN: 433-288-765#. Public comments can be submitted using the following link: <https://www.gomeet.com/433-288-765>.

PWD and LCID seek to enter into a mutually beneficial water transfer of a portion of LCID's SWP annual Table A water. In this Project, LCID would transfer its portion of SWP annual Table A water to PWD. PWD would receive an amount not less than 75 percent and not more than 100 percent of LCID's annual Table A allocation, up to a maximum of 2,300-acre feet. In addition, LCID has an annual option to retain up to 25% of its Table A water. The annual transfer would take place from the date that the agreement is fully executed, until December 31, 2035. The parties may mutually revise the agreement in the years 2025 and/or 2030.

All water transferred from LCID to PWD would use existing conveyance infrastructure and would not require any new construction. The water transferred to PWD would be used to increase the water supply reliability within the service area.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. Palmdale Water District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the Palmdale Water District Office, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 or website at <https://www.palmdalewater.org/>. The public review period during which the PWD will receive comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will begin on February 18, 2022 and end on March 20, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30th Street, Suite 280, Bakersfield, CA 93308, or at dgiacomini@ppeng.com.