

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE  
HIGH DESERT WATER BANK  
FOR THE  
ANTELOPE VALLEY - EAST KERN WATER AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15072 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES that said Agency, as Lead Agency, is providing public notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the development and operation of a groundwater bank in the western side of the Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County. The Project includes approximately 1,500 acres of land in portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12 of Township 8 North, Range 17 West, northwest of the community of Neenach and bounded by: Avenue A on the north, 280th St. West on the east, 300th St. West on the west, and the California Aqueduct on the south. The project would store State Water Project water supplies from the Agency and other banking participants during wet weather periods when supplies exceed demands and would recover the water for use by the Agency and banking participants during dry weather periods when demands exceed supplies and other times when there are disruptions to State Water Project Supplies. Implementation of this project would require the construction of monitoring and production water wells, turnouts off of the California Aqueduct, underground and aboveground pipelines, recharge basins, and water storage and booster pump facilities.

Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review at the following locations or can be viewed at the Agency's website [www.avek.org](http://www.avek.org).

Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency  
6500 WEST AVENUE N  
Palmdale, CA 93551

Palmdale City Library  
700 East Palmdale Boulevard  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Lancaster Regional Library  
601 W Lancaster Blvd  
Lancaster, CA 93534

The public review period of the initial study is thirty (30) days commencing on June 12, 2017.

ANTELOPE VALLEY - EAST KERN WATER AGENCY  
Dwayne Chisam - General Manager

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ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY  
6500 WEST AVENUE N, QUARTZ HILL, CA

ON July 8, 2017 AT 11:30 am  
(Date) (Time)

SECRETARY