

**Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) (a Joint Powers Authority of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and the Triunfo Sanitation District), will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified below. The JPA, as lead agency, requests comments regarding the environmental evaluation of the project by Friday, August 4, 2017. The JPA will contemplate adoption of the Negative Declaration after considering the initial study, supporting documents/studies, and any comments received.

Project

JPA Acquisition of 30800 Agoura Road

Location

The property is located at 30800 Agoura Road (“subject property”) in the City of Agoura Hills (“City”), California. The subject property is located within the western portion of the Ladyface Mountain Specific Plan, between Reyes Adobe Road and the westerly City limits on the south side of Agoura Road.

Project Description

The proposed activity is limited to the JPA’s purchase of the 7.1-acre subject property and maintenance of the site in the current, undeveloped condition. The project would not change the existing General Plan Designation or Zoning classification. Maintenance would consist of fuel modification and brush clearance as previously approved and required by the Los Angeles County Departments of Fire and the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM).

No physical changes to the site (e.g., grading, landscaping, drainage facilities, hardscape, buildings, structures, parking, signage, or other amenities) are proposed. The purchase and continued fuel modification and brush clearance of the site would result in no oak tree encroachments or removals. Further, no discretionary approvals, aside from the decision by the JPA to approve the purchase, would be required. As the purchase and continued fuel modification and brush clearance of the site would maintain the subject property in the existing condition, the JPA would not request any approvals from the City for the purchase of the site. Future projects on the subject property would be reviewed under separate CEQA analysis.

Applicant

Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA

Public Meetings or Hearings

Consideration of the project and the environmental review document will occur at the JPA Board meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA.

Comment Period

The negative declaration review period for State Agencies is 20 days pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21091(b) and shall commence on July 17, 2017. The proposed public review period shall commence on July 17, 2017 and end on Saturday, August 5, 2017.

Description of Significant Effects on the Environment/Document Review

The analysis based on the CEQA environmental checklist does not identify any significant effects on the environment as a result of the project. No mitigation measures are required reduce impacts below a level of significance. Therefore it is the intent of the JPA to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project. The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is on file at the LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA. To review the document, please contact John Zhao at jzhao@lvmwd.com, or (818) 251-2230.

Cortese List Status (Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code)

The site is not listed on California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)'s "Envirostor" database.

Location of Documents Available

The environmental checklist and supporting documents can be downloaded from the LVMWD website at www.LVMWD.com. The environmental checklist and all supporting documents are also available at LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA (Hours M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM). If you have any concerns regarding this project, please forward written comments to the LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA, or to Mr. John Zhao at jzhao@lvmwd.com, or call (818) 251-2230.