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NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

For San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, Special Districts Phase II Desert View Conservation Area Recreational Trails Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, Special Districts (Special Districts) is circulating a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed Phase II Desert View Conservation Area (DVCA) Trails Project (proposed Project) for public review and comment.

Project Title: Phase II Desert View Conservation Area Recreational Trails Project

Project Location: Desert View Conservation Area, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, San Bernardino County

Project Description: Special Districts proposes to construct recreational facilities, including trail directional signage, mileage posts, informational kiosks, habitat shelters with seating areas, viewing platforms, interpretive panels, picnic tables, and trail improvements within the DVCA (Figure 1). No new trails would be established as part of the proposed Project; however, portions of existing trails that have eroded or become overgrown would be regraded and cleared of vegetation during Project construction activities to re-establish trail sections. Construction is anticipated to occur over approximately 160 days using equipment such as trucks, a loader, backhoe, grader, crane, generator, excavator, and a variety of handheld tools.

Document Availability: The Draft IS/MND, including maps and appendices, are available for review on the San Bernardino County website at: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/public-notices/>. The document may also be viewed and obtained in electronic format by email. To request a PDF version of the document, please email John.Hernandez@dpw.sbcounty.gov and reference the "Phase II Desert View Conservation Area Recreational Trails Project."

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND is from January 15, 2026 to February 14, 2026.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the County's intent to adopt the IS/MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2026. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider this IS/MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments may be emailed to John.Hernandez@dpw.sbcounty.gov or mailed to:

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Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the Project would not have a significant effect upon the environment with mitigation measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval.

Figure 1. Project Location

