



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location: 800 E. Washington Street, Colton CA		
Public Agency/Lead Agency:	City of Colton	
Project Name:	Riverside Highland Well Company	
Project Location – 800 E. Washington Street, Colton CA APN(s): 0275-181-68	DAP-001-527 – Riverside Highland Water Company (RHWCO) is proposing to develop a new well to connect to their existing potable water distribution system, which will require the construction of a new pipeline to connect to RHWCO’s existing water distribution system. The area of disturbance for the new well development is approximately one and a half acres as the well site is located within an existing parking lot. The proposed well will be drilled to about 500 to 700 feet below the ground surface. The project requires the construction of a 2,700 linear foot (LF) 12” pipeline within the existing road right-of-way to connect RHWCO’s existing potable water distribution.	
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.		
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:		
Date: N/A	Time: N/A	Location: N/A
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency’s office, located at: 659 N. La Cadena Drive, Colton, California 92324		
The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method: A copy may be viewed at the Development Services webpage at: http://www.ci.colton.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=779		
Lead Agency address: 659 N. La Cadena Drive, Colton, CA 92324		
Comments will be received from February 28, 2019 to March 19, 2019 (20-day circulation)		
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency on or prior to March 19, 2019 . Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.		
The City of Colton, acting as the Lead Agency under CEQA, will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration at its meeting on:		
Date: March 26, 2019	Time: 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton, CA 92324	
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.		

