In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the Ocotillo Borrow Pit Mine Reclamation Plan.

**Project Title:** Ocotillo Borrow Pit

**Project No.:** PROJ-2020-0014

**Project Location:** Southeast corner of Ocotillo Way and Valley Vista Avenue, southeast of the Town of Apple Valley

**Project Description:** San Bernardino County, Department of Public Works (DPW) is submitting an application for a Conditional Use Permit and a Mine Reclamation Plan for the Ocotillo Borrow Pit. The purpose of this application is to permit the Ocotillo Borrow Pit for a 100-year period to provide general fill material for various DPW Sites for annual maintenance and/or emergency repairs. DPW is proposing to excavate up to a depth of 15 feet and remove up to 1,000 cubic yards (cy) per year. The reclaimed end use of the Project Site is proposed to be a DWP material maintenance and storage yard.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

Land Use Services Department - Planning Division
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

You may obtain the document in electronic format at [http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/desert.aspx](http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/desert.aspx) or by emailing the Planner at Steven.Valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov. To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the IS/MND closes on **July 9, 2020 at 4:30 PM**. Please submit comments to Steven.Valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

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