CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CHINO VALLEY FIRE STATION 68

Notice is hereby given that the Chino Valley Fire District (CVFD) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Chino Valley Fire Station 68 Project (Proposed Project).

The Project site is in the eastern portion of the City of Chino Hills, San Bernardino County, California. The Proposed Project is on vacant, undeveloped 3.74-acre parcels, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 1017-241-28 and 1030-341-68, are situated south of the intersection of Pipeline Avenue and Soquel Canyon Road.

The Proposed Project includes Fire Station 68 and the Essential Resource Facility (ERF). The Project proposes to construct an approximately 12,744 square-foot fire station and 6,332 square-foot ERF. Site improvements proposed include approximately 56,115 square feet of hardscape including visitor and secured parking areas, 88,600 square feet of landscaping, security fencing, concrete masonry site walls, a hose tower, an emergency generator, an above ground fuel dispensing tank, and carports with photovoltaic arrays. The new Fire Station 68 and ERF will be added to the three existing Chino Hills fire stations, under the CVFD in order to maintain the appropriate levels of response times to calls for service within its service area. The Proposed Project construction is expected to occur over a 12-month period, approximately between early 2024 and early 2025.

In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. On the basis of the Initial Study, CVFD staff has concluded that the Proposed Project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a MND.

The MND is now available for a 30-day public review period. The CVFD has made the IS/MND available for public review and comment. The CVFD will receive written comments on the Draft IS/MND from October 5, 2023 to 5:00 PM on November 6, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to: Dean Smith at CVFDstation68@chofire.org.

Copies of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND are available for review on CVFD's website at https://chinovalleyfire.org/fire-station-68. In addition, if you would like an electronic copy or hard copy of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND please reach out to Dean Smith at CVFDstation68@chofire.org.