



**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED INITIAL STUDY MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

**Notice to Reviewers:** *This Recirculated Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared to provide notice that the County of San Bernardino ("County") has revised and is recirculating the updated analysis from the April 3, 2025, Errata into Section X (Hydrology) of the Initial Study along with other minor associated changes.*

**Project Title:** TTM No. 20443 Lovemore Ranch

**Project No.:** PROJ-2021-00169

**Project Location:** 61650 Alta Loma Dr. Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**Assessor Parcel Number(s):** 0602-361-04

**Project Description:** Merrell-Johnson Companies, on behalf of Lovemore Investments LLC, is requesting approval of a Tentative Tract Map No. 20443 to subdivide an 18.49-acre parcel, described as APN 0602-361-04, into 64 single-family residential lots and two lettered lots. The residential lots would range between 0.16 acre to 0.30 acre. The lettered lots would consist of open space and recreational facilities totaling 2.75 acres of the Project Site. The existing, surrounding roads would serve as the main access roads with primary access to the site off of Hillview Road. Access to the TTM lots would be provided by five additional private internal streets.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:**

The document meets the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Interested parties can view the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation online at:

<https://lus.sbcounty.gov/planning-home/environmental/desert-region/>

and the following offices:

High Desert Government Center  
Land Use Services – Planning Division  
15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 131  
Hesperia, CA 92345

San Bernardino Government Center  
Land Use Services – Planning Division  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

The comment period on the IS/MND begins on  
08/04/2026 and closes on 09/03/2026.

Please submit comments to [Elena.Barragan@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Elena.Barragan@lus.sbcounty.gov) or to:

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