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SCH # _____

Lead Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District

Project Title: Judson Potable Water Storage Tank and Transmission Pipeline Project

Project Location: Moreno Valley Riverside
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Judson Potable Water Storage Tank and Transmission Pipeline Project (proposed project) to construct and operate a 2.2-million-gallon (MG) potable water storage tank, approximately 2,300 linear feet of 18-inch-diameter transmission pipeline, a paved access road, a detention basin with approximately 0.26-MG capacity, and other appurtenances to support tank operations, on an 8.3-acre parcel.

The proposed project site is located east of Interstate 215 and north of State Route 60 in the City of Moreno Valley, Riverside County. The project site is situated in the southwest corner of a larger, 137.7-acre parcel, just south of the San Bernardino County line. The proposed project would be located adjacent to the Serrano Heights housing tract, which is not part of the project.

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

All potentially significant impacts would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels:

Biological Resources – Coastal California Gnatcatcher and Other Migratory Birds: Modification of Riversidean sage scrub habitat and indirect construction effects (e.g., noise, dust) could adversely affect migratory birds. Mitigation entails conducting clearing outside the nesting season and/or pre-construction nesting bird survey; avoidance of active nests by establishing a buffer zone, as necessary; and paying Western Riverside County MSHCP mitigation impact fees.

Biological Resources – Ephemeral Drainages: The project has been designed to avoid direct impacts to two on-site drainage features meeting minimum criteria to be considered Riverine. Mitigation for indirect impacts include construction monitoring of clearing and/or grubbing activities by a qualified biologist and temporary construction fencing.

Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources: Although no cultural or tribal cultural resources were identified on site during records search and surveys, there is potential for unknown resources to be discovered during project construction. Mitigation consists of measures outlining construction monitoring, treatment of resources found during construction, final reporting, and procedures for discovery of human remains.

Geology/Soils – Paleontological Resources: The project site is mapped as a paleontologically sensitive area in the County General Plan Paleontological Sensitivity Map due to presence of very old alluvial fan deposits. Mitigation outlines construction monitoring and treatment of resources found during construction.

Noise: The project has the potential to result in temporary ground-borne vibration effects during excavation. Construction vibration control measures, including preparation of blasting plans, notification to nearby property owners, and monitoring of blasting activities, would be implemented should blasting be required.

If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board; City of Moreno Valley; Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority.