

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells Project (proposed project) to construct and operate groundwater extraction wells, raw water pipelines, a water treatment and blending facility, and treated water pipelines in the Perris North Groundwater Management Zone. Up to four extraction wells (each approximately 250 gpm) would be constructed in the North Sub-Area, generally north of March Air Reserve Base, and up to two extraction wells (each approximately 650 gpm) would be constructed in the East Sub-Area, generally east of March Air Reserve Base (see map attached). The treatment facility would be constructed and operated at a central location that would include granular activated carbon contactors, a blending facility, potable water distribution pump station, a chlorine residual injection system, and nitrate treatment facilities. The treated water from the extraction wells would be blended with imported water from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to drinking water standards, disinfected, and then delivered to a transmission pipeline in the potable water system that would convey the water to other parts of the District's service area.

The project area is generally bounded by Cottonwood Avenue to the north, Graham Street and March Air Reserve Base to the west, Iris Avenue to the south, and Camino Flores to the east (see map attached). Pipelines would be located within the public right-of-way along either Cottonwood Avenue, Bay Avenue, and Kitching Street, or along Alessandro Boulevard and Perris Boulevard, as well as side streets. Optional well and treatment facility sites are proposed at various vacant, disturbed lots. Two of the optional well site locations are proposed within portions of three City parks.

The proposed project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on Tuesday March 10, 2020. Comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by Thursday April 9, 2020. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

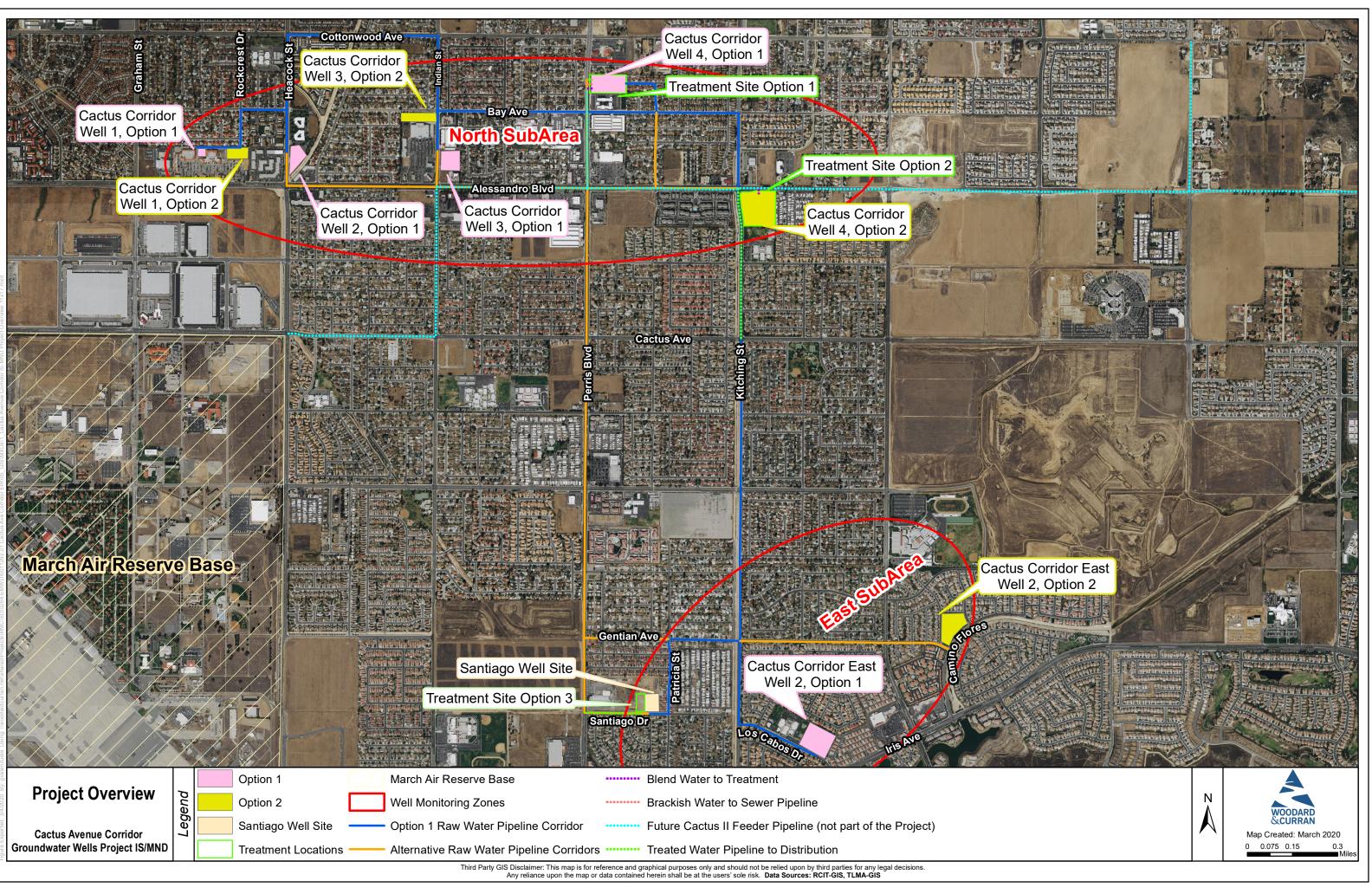
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Email or written comments received by April 9, 2020 will be considered before the MND is approved for adoption by the District's Board of Directors. A public meeting of the District's Board of Directors to take action on the MND will be held following public notification of the hearing on the District's website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place at the District's headquarters on the first and third Wednesday of each month:

Eastern Municipal Water District 2270 Trumble Road Perris CA 92570

Copies of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above), online at https://www.emwd.org/public-notices, and at the library below:

Moreno Valley Main Library: 25480 Alessandro Boulevard, Moreno Valley, CA 92553



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