

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells Project – Raw Water Conveyance Pipeline Phase III Segment

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to construct and operate a pipeline from District Wells 65 and 66 located on the south side of Ironwood Avenue at approximately the intersection with Kevin Street, to the District's planned central water treatment facility on Perris Boulevard between Bay Avenue and St. Christopher Lane. This segment of pipeline, referred to as *Raw Water Conveyance Pipeline Phase III*, constitutes an addition to the Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells Project, which was approved by the District in May 2020. The District previously approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells an Addendum in February 2021 (State Clearinghouse # 2020030267).

The Raw Water Conveyance Pipeline Phase III pipeline involves construction and operation of approximately 12,500 linear feet of 18-inch diameter PVC raw water transmission pipeline with air release valves within Ironwood Avenue and Perris Boulevard in the City of Moreno Valley. The pipeline would extend east from Well 66 on Ironwood Avenue, at approximately the intersection with Kevin Street, then turn south and extend along Perris Boulevard until it reaches the planned central treatment facility located between Bay Avenue and St. Christopher Lane (see map attached). The proposed project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Although the size, location, and number of construction staging areas has not been finalized, potential staging areas include the Well 66 site, adjacent vacant properties and, if necessary, the Perris Boulevard right-of-way. The *Raw Water Conveyance Phase III* pipeline would assist the Cactus Avenue Corridor Groundwater Wells Project to augment local water supply in the District service area by conveying extracted and treated groundwater, while also cleaning up contamination areas of concern in the Perris North Groundwater Basin.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, this Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on December 7, 2022. Comments on the Initial Study and Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by January 6, 2023. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

Eastern Municipal Water District Attn: Joseph Broadhead P.O. Box 8300 Perris, CA 92572-8300

Email or written comments received by January 6, 2023 will be considered before the Subsequent 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 Subsequent MND will be held following public notification of the hearing on the District's website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the District's headquarters: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris CA 92570. Copies of the Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above), online at https://www.emwd.org/public-notices, and at the Moreno Valley Main Library, 25480 Alessandro Boulevard, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

