

Eastern Municipal Water District 2270 Trumble Road P.O. Box 8300 Perris, CA 92572-8300

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Los Alamos Hills Water System Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to construct the Los Alamos Hills Water System Project (proposed project). The proposed project consists of annexation of up to 50 parcels totaling 171.91 acres ("Los Alamos Hills") to the District's water service area, as well as construction/operation of 10,685 linear feet of 8- and 12-inch water pipeline within existing paved and unpaved city streets to provide potable water to landowners that opt to connect. The area considered for annexation is referred to in this document as the "project area". Forty-five of the 50 parcels in the project area are currently developed with residential structures. The District's Board of Directors will consider annexing properties within the Los Alamos Hills/project area and approve separate resolutions to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) formally requesting annexation and reorganization proceedings, respectively. District water service to the project area would be allowed once annexation is first approved by MWD and subsequently by LAFCO. To date, 36 of the 50 parcels (approximately 101.66 acres) have opted into the annexation process.

The "project site" is that portion of the project area where impacts could occur due to pipeline construction. The project site consists of those portions of Los Alamos Road, Celia Road, Mason Road, Mary Place, and Ruth Ellen Way within the project area. The project site is located entirely within public rights-of-way.

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 January 24, 2023. Comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by February 23, 2023. 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 February 23, 2023, 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:

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Copies of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above) and online at <a href="https://www.emwd.org/public-notices">https://www.emwd.org/public-notices</a>.





