

**EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To:** Orange County  
County Clerk-Recorder  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**From:** East Orange County Water District  
185 N McPherson Rd  
Orange, CA 92869

and

Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT VANDERWERFF WELL PROJECT

**SCH Number:** To be assigned

**Project Location:** The project proposes two well locations. Well Location #1 is located across the street from the East Orange County Water District (District) Offices at 210 N. McPherson Road, Orange, CA 92869, which is located in Orange County. Well Location #2 is located within the East Orange County Water District Offices at 185 N McPherson Rd, Orange, CA 92869. The project proposes solar arrays, batteries, and inverters within both the Well #2 and Well #1 sites and a water treatment system at Well #1. The project sites are located within Section 28, Township 4 South, Range 9 West of the USGS 7.5 Minute Orange, CA topographical quadrangle. The approximate GPS coordinates of Well #1 are 33.789445°, -117.822533°, while the approximate GPS coordinates of Well #2 are 33.789536°, -117.821876°.

**Project Description:** The proposed project is located at two locations along McPherson Road in Orange, California. The District will install a single production well, as a part of the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP), at one of two sites owned by the District: either within or across the street from the EOCWD Offices on McPherson Road. Well Location #1 is located across the street from the District Offices at 210 N. McPherson Road, Orange, CA 92869, which is located in Orange County. Well Location #2 is located within the District Offices at 185 N McPherson Rd, Orange, CA 92869. Additionally, a water treatment system will be installed concurrent with the proposed well development. A standby emergency generator may also be installed, as well three solar arrays, three batteries, and three inverters split between the District Office site and the District storage site.

**Project Sponsor(s):** East Orange County Water District

This is to advise that the East Orange County Water District, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

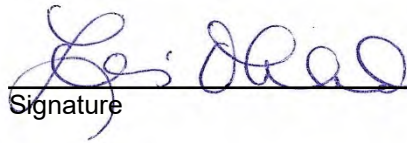
- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:

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- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
- (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

Since the State has issued an Executive Order during the threat of COVID-19 and the City facilities may be closed to the public; a copy of the Initial Study may be obtained by contacting Tom Dodson & Associates at (909) 882-3612.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on June 29, 2020 and ends on July 28, 2020.



General Manager

June 29, 2020

Signature

Title

Date

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Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- OPR