

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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| <b>SCH #</b> |
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**Project Title:** Eastside Water Bank Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Contact Person: Dwayne Chisam  
 Mailing Address: 6500 West Avenue N Phone: 661-943-3201  
 City: Palmdale Zip: 93551 County: Los Angeles County

**Project Location:** County: Unincorporated Los Angeles County City/Nearest Community: Littlerock  
 Cross Streets: E Avenue U between 96th St E and 106th St E Zip Code: 93543

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 31 ' 56.3 " N / 117 ° 56 ' 42.8 " W Total Acres: approximately 160

Assessor's Parcel No.: 3046-014-900 and 3046-014-901 Section: 8 Twp.: 5 North Range: 10 West Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 138 Waterways: California Aqueduct  
 Airports: None Railways: Southern Pacific RR Schools: Please see attached.

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type Recharge Basins MGD NA

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Zoned as A-2-1 (Heavy Agriculture) and designated as Rural Land 2 (RL-2) in the Los Angeles County General Plan

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of             | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>7</u>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>4</u>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board          | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy             | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                             | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                   | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 10, 2021 Ending Date March 12, 2021

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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| Consulting Firm: <u>HELIX Environmental Inc.</u> | Applicant: <u>Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)</u> |
| Address: <u>7578 El Cajon Boulevard</u>          | Address: <u>6500 West Avenue N</u>                              |
| City/State/Zip: <u>La Mesa, CA 91942</u>         | City/State/Zip: <u>Palmdale, California 93551</u>               |
| Contact: <u>Kara Palm</u>                        | Phone: <u>661-943-3201</u>                                      |
| Phone: <u>619-462-1515</u>                       |   |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 02/09/2021

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

**Schools within 2 miles:**

Keppel Academy, Keppel Special Education, Antelope Elementary School, and Alpine Elementary School

**Project Description:**

AVEK is proposing to expand the existing Eastside Water Bank facility to include three recharge basins east of the existing recharge ponds, three 18-inch turnout pipes, and a single 24-inch delivery pipeline. Specifically, the three recharge basins would be located on a 160-acre parcel east of the existing recharge ponds. In all, the three basins would encompass 74 acres. Operation of the project would involve the storing of surplus State Water Project (SWP) raw water, which would be recharged into the local groundwater basin. Recharge is estimated to occur at a rate of 8,900 acre feet (AF) in 8 months. Excavations would be required to create the basins; excavated material would be used as fill material to construct the berms.

The 24-inch delivery pipeline would accommodate gravity flow to the new basins. The new 24-inch delivery pipeline would connect to the existing 24-inch pipeline at the existing operation and control (OC) building located south of the existing recharge ponds and would exit the building in the south and traverse eastward, paralleling East Avenue U towards the new recharge basins. Individual inlets to each of the three recharge basins would be through 18-inch pipes that connect to the 24-inch delivery pipeline.

Access to the new facilities would be provided from East Avenue U via a 20-foot wide road that would encircle the recharge basins and connect to the existing road that provides access to the Eastside Water Bank facilities. The road would be constructed with a Class 2 aggregate base surface.