

Eastern Municipal Water District

2270 Trumble Road
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Perris, CA 92572-8300



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Well 56 Wellhead Treatment Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Well 56 Wellhead Treatment Project (Project) to address PFAS concentrations in the groundwater pumped at the District's existing Well 56, taken offline in February 2019. The District proposes to acquire real property to provide a suitable location to construct and operate a wellhead treatment facility and has identified a total of five sites as potential locations for the Project. The potential sites being considered are referred to as the Proposed Project and Options 1 through 4.

The Project is located in the north-central portion of the City of Perris, Riverside County. The Proposed Project, Option 1, Option 2, and Option 4 sites are clustered north of the Ramona Expressway/Indian Avenue intersection. The Option 3 site (the District's existing Well 59 facility) is located on the northwest corner of the Indian Avenue/Nance Street intersection. In addition, depending on the site selected, there would be pipelines constructed in a portion of the public right-of-way (ROW) of Indian Avenue. Option 2 would include a pipeline within the Perris Boulevard ROW. Option 3 would include a pipeline within the Nance Street ROW. Option 4 would include pipelines within the Perry Street ROW.

The Project sites are not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, this Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on September 9, 2021. Written comments on the MND should focus on environmental issues and must be received by October 8, 2021. Please submit comments either to broadheadj@emwd.org or to:

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Written comments received by October 8, 2021 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), online at <https://www.emwd.org/public-notices>, and at the libraries listed below:

Cesar E. Chavez Library:
Mead Valley Library:

163 East San Jacinto Avenue, Perris, CA 92570
21580 Oakwood Street, Perris, CA 92570