

# WASHINGTON AVENUE WELL PROJECT

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## PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This serves as the City of Santa Ana's Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Washington Avenue Well Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.

**Name of Project:** City of Santa Ana Washington Avenue Well Project

**Project Location:** The proposed City of Santa Ana Washington Avenue Well Project ("Project") site is located in the City of Santa Ana, in the central portion of Orange County, see Figure 1. The Project site is located at 651–657 East Washington Avenue at the northwest corner of East Washington Avenue and Penn Way in the City of Santa Ana, see Figure 2. The proposed connection to the City of Santa Ana's existing 16-inch water main will be due east of the lot, in the southbound traffic lane of Penn Way.

**Lead Agency:** City of Santa Ana, Public Works Agency  
220 S. Daisy Avenue  
Santa Ana, California 92703

### **Project**

**Description:** The City of Santa Ana encompasses 27.3 square miles and has a population of over 325,000 people. The City of Santa Ana operates a potable water distribution system which includes more than 450 miles of water mains and over 44,000 water service connections. The City of Santa Ana's potable water supply is derived from a combination of pumping from the Orange County Groundwater Basin (using 21 existing groundwater wells) and importing water via seven (7) Metropolitan Water District pipeline connections.

The 2017 Santa Ana Water Master Plan (Tetra Tech 2018) water system analysis identified low pressures along the border of the Low and High Zones adjacent to the Interstate 5 Freeway. These low-pressure deficiencies were located in the northeastern portion of the Low Zone on the south side of Interstate 5 between East 17<sup>th</sup> Street and East 1<sup>st</sup> Street. To resolve these low-pressure deficiencies, the City of Santa Ana is proposing to install a new water supply well and construct ancillary facilities in the vacant lot at the northwest corner of East Washington Avenue and Penn Way. This lot is located approximately 340 feet southeast of the City of Santa Ana's Elevated Water Tank.

The disturbed surface area for the construction of the Washington Avenue Well facility and associated pipeline is expected to be approximately 0.75 acres. Construction is anticipated to begin in the second quarter of 2022 and continue



until the third quarter of 2023. Once operational, the potential production capacity of the Washington Avenue Well is expected to range from 2,500 to 3,000 gallons per minute.

The Project site is not designated a hazardous waste property, or a hazardous waste disposal site as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the City of Santa Ana proposes to adopt a MND for the above-cited Project. Such MND is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the Project's potential impacts will be maintained at a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by the Initial Study prepared by the City of Santa Ana. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed MND, and supporting materials are available for review at <https://www.santa-ana.org/pw/public-works-newsroom/public-noticeshearings> and at the City of Santa Ana, Public Works Agency located at 220 S. Daisy Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92703.

For questions regarding the MND, please contact:

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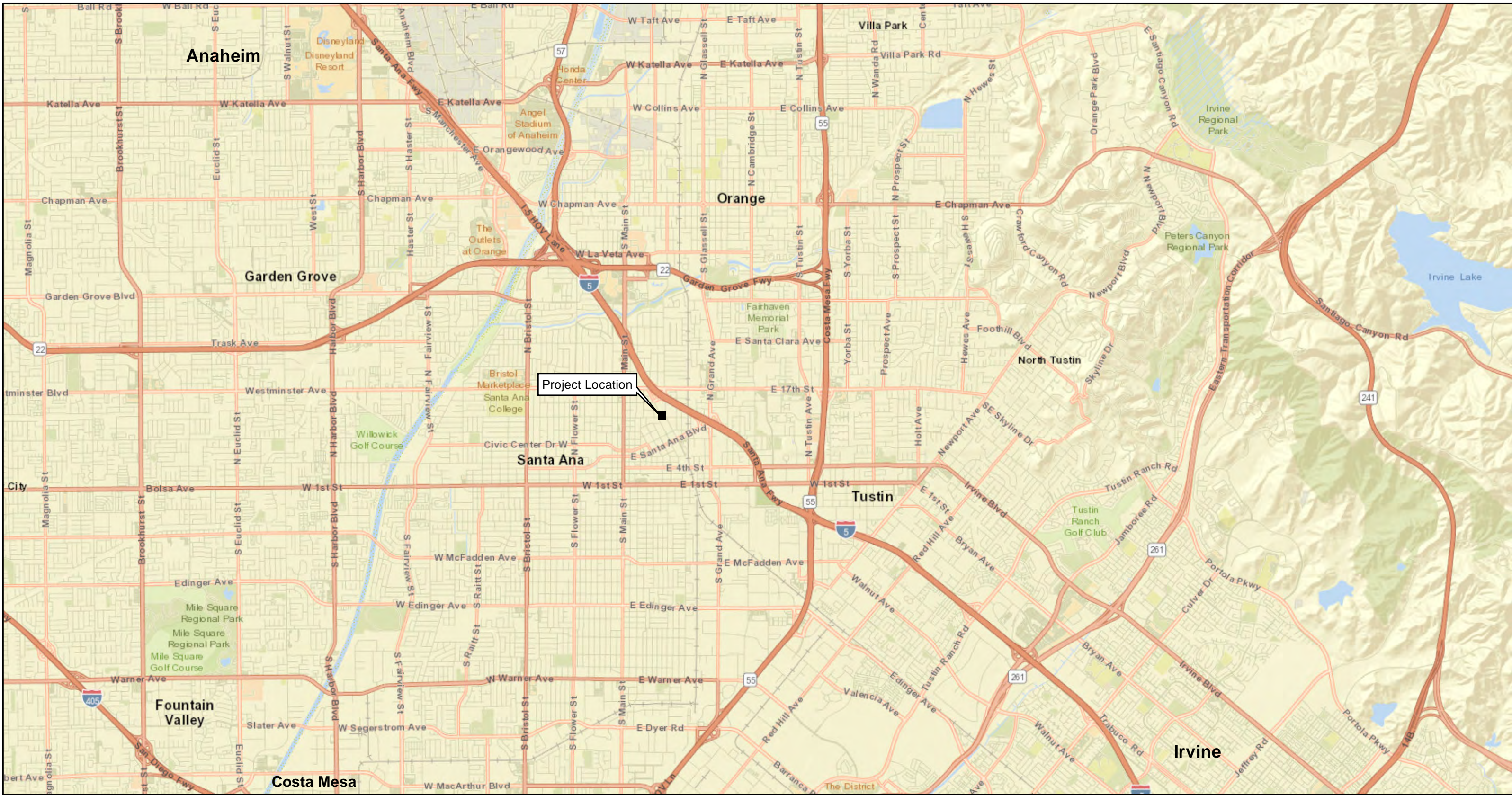
**Public Review Period:** 30 days      **Begins:** 11/09/2021      **Ends:** 12/08/2021

**Public Hearing:** Adoption of the MND will be considered via public hearing by the City of Santa Ana scheduled to take place on December 21, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. at the City of Santa Ana located at 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92702.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/MND must be submitted in writing and **received by the City of Santa Ana no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2021**, in order to be considered prior to the City of Santa Ana's final determination on the Project. Please submit your written comments to Armando Fernandez, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, City of Santa Ana, Public Works Agency located at 220 S. Daisy Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92703.







■ Project Area

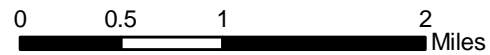


Figure 1  
Project Vicinity

Washington Avenue Lot  
Well and Facility Site Plan - Phase 1  
City of Santa Ana, California





 Project Area



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Figure 2  
Project Location

Washington Avenue Lot  
Well and Facility Site Plan - Phase 1  
City of Santa Ana, California