



Carpinteria Valley Water District

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EL CARRO PARK MONITORING WELLS PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) proposes to construct and operate three new groundwater monitoring wells to provide groundwater elevation and water quality data from three different water-bearing zones of the western portion of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed monitoring wells would be located in El Carro Park within the City of Carpinteria, approximately 0.4 miles northeast of the U.S. Highway 101/Linden Avenue interchange.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The CVWD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Project Manager identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on January 26th, 2022. Due to the non-complex nature of this project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

PROJECT DETAILS: The three wells would be located about 30 feet apart near the western boundary of El Carro Park. The three wells would be completed at different depths, about 1,050 feet, 800 feet, and 350 feet. The wells would be completed with a 3-inch diameter well casing, bentonite or cement annular seal, gravel pack within the annulus (area between the borehole and casing) and 3-inch diameter well screen. The tops of the wells would be covered by watertight, locking manholes, approximately 12-inches in diameter, constructed flush with the ground surface. The well casings would also be provided watertight, locking well caps for added protection and security. No above-ground structures are proposed. Once constructed, the monitoring wells would become a component of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan. As part of the Plan, samples are collected bi-annually from selected wells throughout the basin and analyzed for an array of water quality constituents. The Plan also includes the measurement of groundwater levels at selected wells on a bi-monthly basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The CVWD has prepared a Draft MND pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Issuance of a MND affirms the CVWD's opinion that potentially significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project can be readily mitigated and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The MND prepared for the project discusses potential impacts for identified subject areas. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft MND may be reviewed by visiting the CVWD's website www.cvwd.net or a hard copy can be reviewed at the District Offices at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave or Carpinteria Branch Library at 5141 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA

HOW TO COMMENT: Comments should be provided to the Project Manager, Bob McDonald at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, (805) 684-2816, bob@cvwd.net prior to the close of the public comment period on **January 26th, 2022** at 5:00 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.