

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE MURRIETA FACILITIES
MASTER PLANS**

LEAD AGENCY: Western Municipal Water District

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, the Western Municipal Water District is the Lead Agency for the proposed Murrieta Water and Sewer Master Plan Project located in the Murrieta Retail Service Area. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, the Western Municipal Water District has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The Western Municipal Water District is distributing this Notice of Intent to agencies that have permit authority over the proposed project, interested groups, and organizations in accordance with CEQA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will construct sewer and water supply infrastructure improvements within the city of Murrieta. Construction under this project's scope is primarily within existing roads and public rights-of-way or within future planned roadways via trenching methods. Several facilities will be addressed at a programmatic level due to uncertain phasing or limited design details at this time, such as the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Supply Alternative, and the potential future water storage tank and associated pipelines. There are four water supply alternatives that have been provided by Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) that may be implemented under this programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project would traverse the Murrieta Retail Service Area, which is a 6.5-square-mile area in the city of Murrieta that is located to the southwest of I-15. The proposed Project would be constructed within public rights-of-way and within existing facilities.

CORTESE LIST NOTICE: Pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.6(a), the Project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5 (California Department of Toxic Substances Control List of various hazardous sites).

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PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The public review period for submitting written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, commences on **February 4, 2022** and will close on **March 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** If you have any questions regarding the Project or the Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Jason Pivovaroff via e-mail or phone, as indicated above.

Written comments should be addressed to: Jason Pivovaroff

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PUBLIC MEETING: WMWD's Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Project at a publicly-noticed Board of Directors meeting scheduled on April 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in WMWD's Board Room or live-streamed from WMWD's website at www.wmwd.com.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at WMWD, located at the address above and on WMWD's website:

1. WMWD's website at <https://www.wmwd.com/135/Planning>