

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022, the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:

Public Agency:	EL TORO WATER DISTRICT 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard Lake Forest, Californian 92630 949-837-7050
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Project Name:	Joint Transmission Main Pump Station Project
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Project Location – The project site is located in southern Orange County, within the central area of the City of Laguna Woods (Figure 1, Project Location). While the proposed project would be located within a portion of the R-1/R-2 Reservoir Site, the entire project site is located on an approximately 2.9-acre parcel (Assessor Parcel Number 616-012-02), which is located at the northwest corner of El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway, ETWD owns and operates the property and existing facilities at this site.

Project Description – ETWD is proposing to construct a pump station and associated piping (proposed project) within its existing R-1/R-2 Reservoir Site within the City of Laguna Woods (Figure 2, Site Plan). The purpose of the project is to introduce a new source of water supply in the western portion of the El Toro Water District service area; this supply would offset the existing volume introduced in the northeastern side of El Toro Water District’s service area and would not result in an increase in ETWD’s capacity.

An Initial Study was completed by El Toro Water District (as the Lead Agency) in accordance with El Toro Water District’s Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, El Toro Water District’s staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of El Toro Water District. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, El Toro Water District has posted this Notice of Intent both on and off the project site.

The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.

The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.

The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.

The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.

A scoping meeting WILL be held by El Toro Water District (Lead Agency).

A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by El Toro Water District (Lead Agency).

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the District office, located at: **24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, CA 92630**

The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method:
<https://etwd.com/doing-business/ceqa-documents/>

El Toro Water District Address: **24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, CA 92630**

Comments will be received until the following date: **June 6, 2022 at 4:00 PM**
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to El Toro Water District prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

El Toro Water District (Lead Agency) will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:
Date: **June 23, 2022** Time: **7:30 AM**

If El Toro Water District finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the El Toro Water District may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received For Filing (County Clerk Stamp): <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">POSTED</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">MAY 17 2022</div>	Hannah Ford Staff Engineering Manager Title
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