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Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: September 11, 2023

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District

Title: Pettit Water Storage Tank Expansion and Transmission Pipeline Project (SCH No. 2022110477)

Review Period: September 11, 2023 through October 25, 2023

Project Description: This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Project Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to provide the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential effects on the environment associated with implementing the proposed Pettit Water Storage Tank Expansion and Transmission Pipeline Project (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project would involve construction and operation of two new 4.5 million gallon (MG) storage tanks and demolition of an existing 2 MG storage tank. The new tanks would be fed by approximately 4,000 linear feet of proposed transmission pipeline to connect to the proposed Cactus II Feeder. The Proposed Project would be implemented in two phases: the first phase would involve construction and operation of one 4.5 MG storage tank, onsite and off-site pipeline, and detention basin; the second phase would involve demolition of the existing 2 MG storage tank and installation of a second 4.5 MG storage tank and onsite pipeline in its place. The proposed project would provide additional storage capacity to support planned development in east Moreno Valley.

Project Location. The Proposed Project is located in EMWD's service area in the County of Riverside, specifically in the City of Moreno Valley as shown on **Figure 1**. The proposed water storage tanks would be constructed on two parcels totaling 4.37 acres owned by EMWD located on the western side of Moreno Beach Drive in Moreno Valley, as well as a pipeline and appurtenant facilities within rights-of-way of Moreno Beach Drive and Alessandro Boulevard. Per Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, there are no open active cases for hazardous materials sites within the Proposed Project area or within 0.25-mile of the Proposed Project components.

Potential Environmental Impacts: This Draft EIR describes the environmental impacts of the Proposed Project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. All potentially significant impacts are determined to be mitigated to less than significant levels with incorporation of mitigation measures.

Public Review and Comment Deadline: EMWD is soliciting comments from the public regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will be used by EMWD Board of Directors when considering approval of the Proposed Project. EMWD has established a 45-day review period compliant with the requirement of Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code. The review period begins **September 11, 2023** and ends **October 25, 2023**. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to Joe Broadhead at the address shown by **5:00 PM** on **October 25, 2023**. A contact name and return address or email address should be included with your comments.

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Document Availability: The Draft EIR is available electronically at: <https://www.emwd.org/public-notice>. Copies of the Draft EIR are located at EMWD's office lobby (2270 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92572). Hard copies of the Draft EIR have been delivered to the following local library:

- Moreno Valley Public Library, 25480 Alessandro Boulevard, Moreno Valley, CA 92553



SOURCE: ESA (2022)

Pettit Water Storage Tank Expansion and Transmission Pipeline Project

NOA Figure 1
Project Location

