

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Los Alamos Hills Water System Project

Lead Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District

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Project Location: Murietta Riverside
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to construct the Los Alamos Hills Water System Project (proposed project). The proposed project consists of annexation of up to 50 parcels totaling 171.91 acres ("Los Alamos Hills") to the District's water service area, as well as construction/operation of 10,685 linear feet of 8- and 12-inch water pipeline within existing paved and unpaved city streets to provide potable water to landowners that opt to connect. The area considered for annexation is referred to in this document as the "project area". Forty-five of the 50 parcels in the project area are currently developed with residential structures. The District's Board of Directors will consider annexing properties within the Los Alamos Hills/project area and approve separate resolutions to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) formally requesting annexation and reorganization proceedings, respectively. District water service to the project area would be allowed once annexation is first approved by MWD and subsequently by LAFCO. To date, 36 of the 50 parcels (approximately 101.66 acres) have opted into the annexation process.

The "project site" is that portion of the project area where impacts could occur due to pipeline construction. The project site consists of those portions of Los Alamos Road, Celia Road, Mason Road, Mary Place, and Ruth Ellen Way within the project area. The project site is located entirely within public rights-of-way.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Project impacts requiring mitigation are limited to biological resources, geology and soils, and noise.

Due to the proximity of potentially suitable Riversidean sage scrub to work areas, indirect impacts as a result of construction noise during the coastal California gnatcatcher breeding season (March 1 through August 15) could result if this species were to nest adjacent to the project site. Indirect impacts to coastal California gnatcatcher, if present at the time of project construction, would be significant (Impact BIO-1). Implementation of mitigation measure BIO-1 would reduce this impact to a level less than significant.

There is a potential for surrounding habitat around the project site to support migratory and nesting bird species. Impacts to nesting and migratory birds if present at the time of project construction would be considered significant (Impact BIO-2). Implementation of mitigation measure BIO-2 would reduce this impact to a level less than significant.

The proposed project has potential to result in indirect impacts to potential jurisdictional resources occurring adjacent to the work areas (BIO-3). Implementation of mitigation measure BIO-3 would reduce this impact to a level less than significant.

Construction of the water pipeline would result in ground-disturbing activities that have the potential to uncover paleontological resources, the loss of which would be a significant impact (Impact GEO-1). Implementation of mitigation measure GEO-1 would ensure that impacts would be reduced to less than significant.

Impacts from construction noise would be potentially disruptive to daily activities (Impact NOI-1). Implementation of mitigation measure NOI-1, which requires the construction contractor to implement BMPs for noise control, daytime construction noise impacts would be reduced to less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

A member of the public has raised concerns that with the installation of a potable water system will trigger increased density and development to the area.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

1. Eastern Municipal Water District – Approval of the Los Alamos Hills Water System Project and adoption of this Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – District Annexation
3. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) – District Annexation
4. Encroachment Permit from the City of Murrieta
5. Notice of Intent/Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (NOI/SWPPP) from Regional Water Quality Control Board for construction of a linear pipeline