

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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

Anza Road, Western Riverside County, California [Rancho Water Project No. D1988]

Public Agency: Rancho California Water District

Project Name: Anza Road 1550 Pressure Zone Pipeline Extension Project [Project No. D1988]

Project Description: Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District) is planning to construct the proposed Anza Road 1550 Pressure Zone Pipeline Extension Project that will provide water system redundancy and improve water reliability in the Morgan Hill Development as well as surrounding properties in the area east of Temecula, California. The Project consists of the construction of approximately 725 linear feet of a 12-inch diameter water pipeline within the existing Riverside County right-of-way and future extension of Morgan Hill Drive, and 325 linear feet of a 24-inch diameter water pipeline within an existing District easement along the future extension of Anza Road as shown on the enclosed Figures 1 and 2.

Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):

The Project Site is located between the terminus of Morgan Hill Drive on the southwesterly end of the Project and Anza Road in the northeast within an undeveloped, portion of Morgan Hill Specific Plan Area (#313). Locally, the Project Site is located within a portion of unsectioned Pauba Grant lands in Township 14 South, Range 2 West, and west of Vail Lake, according to Pechanga USGS 7.5’ Quadrangle (See Figure 1, Regional Location Map). Specifically, Project Site is located southwest of Anza Road and northeast of Coppola Street (Figure 2, Local Vicinity Map). The Project extends northeastward approximately 725 feet from the existing terminus of paved street for Morgan Hill Drive, within existing easement for public right-of-way. The Project then intersects with Anza Road, a dirt road within the easement right-of-way, and extends northward approximately 325 feet.

The Project Alignment extends from the end of Morgan Hill Drive, a collector road, then east to Anza Road, a secondary road approximately 1,180-1,360 feet above mean seal level (AMSL) and at Latitude 33.48666 and Longitude -117.0559 (See Figure 2, Vicinity Map), and leads north towards State Highway 79. The Project Site is located on portions of several parcels including APNs 966-170-003, 966-170-006, 966-170-022, and 966-170-040, within right-of-way that were established with approved tract maps associated with the Morgan Hill Specific Plan, and within Rancho Water’s existing easements. The pipeline crosses the jurisdiction dry wash located south of Anza Road and is considered waters of the United States and the State under the regulatory authority of the Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife due to hydrological connection with Temecula Creek related to storms.

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This 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, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

- 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.



<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:	
Date:	Time: Location:
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California, 92590	
The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method: https://www.ranchowater.com/127/CEQA-Compliance	
Lead Agency address: 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California, 92590	
Comments will be received from February 10, 2023 to March 13, 2023	
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:	
Date: March 30, 2023	Time: 8:30 a.m.
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.	

Date Received for Filing:
February 8, 2023



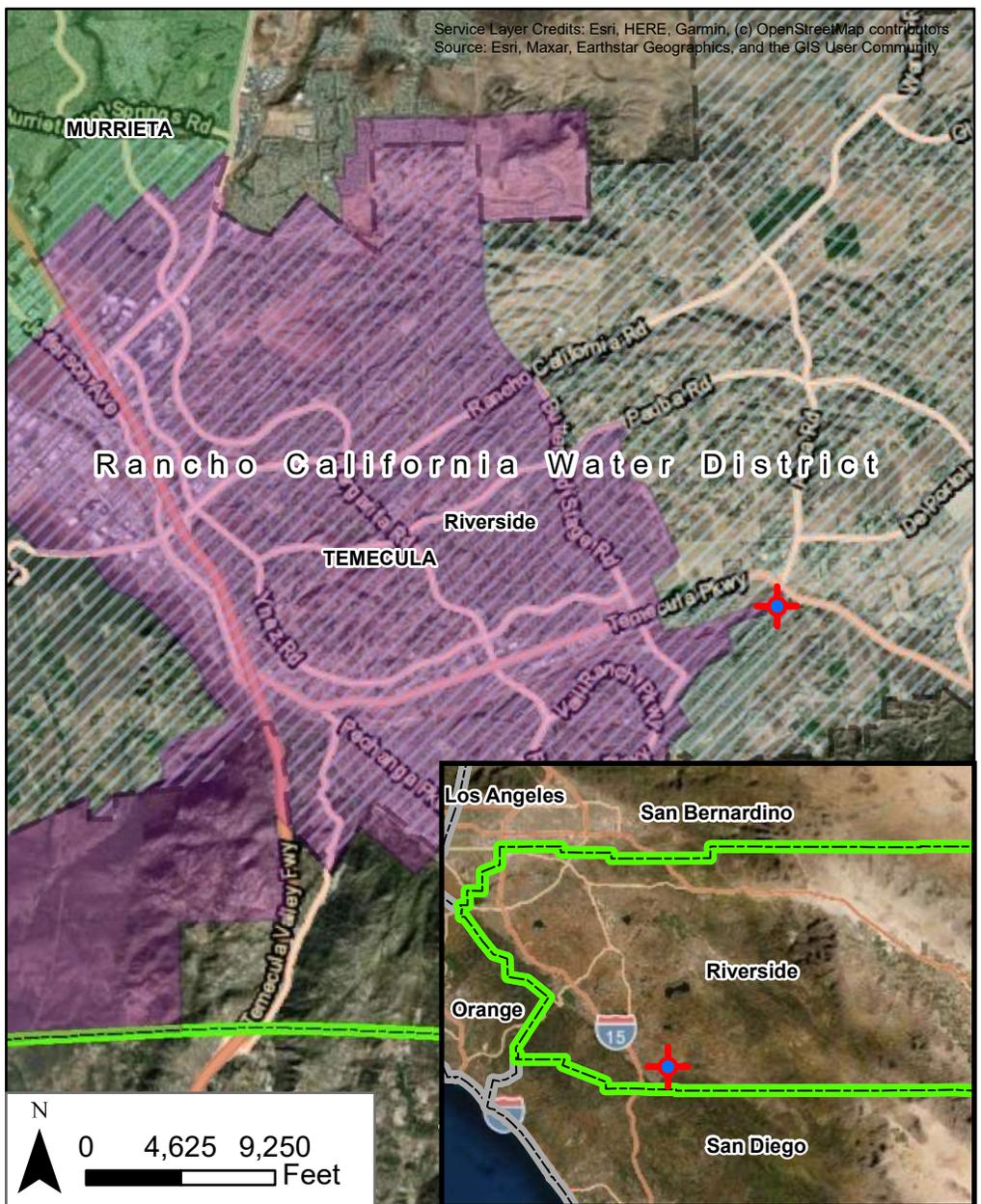
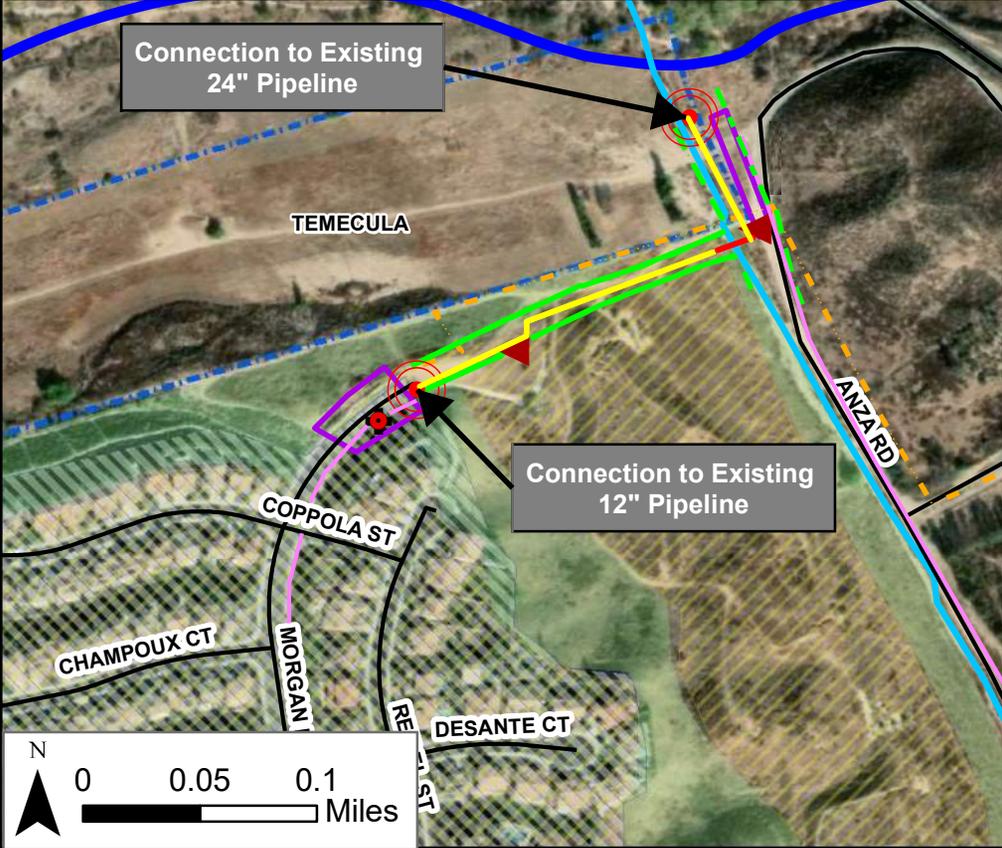
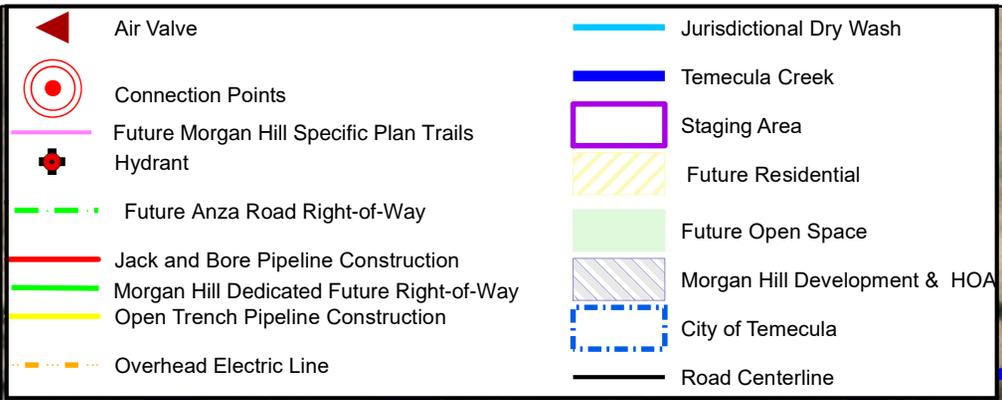
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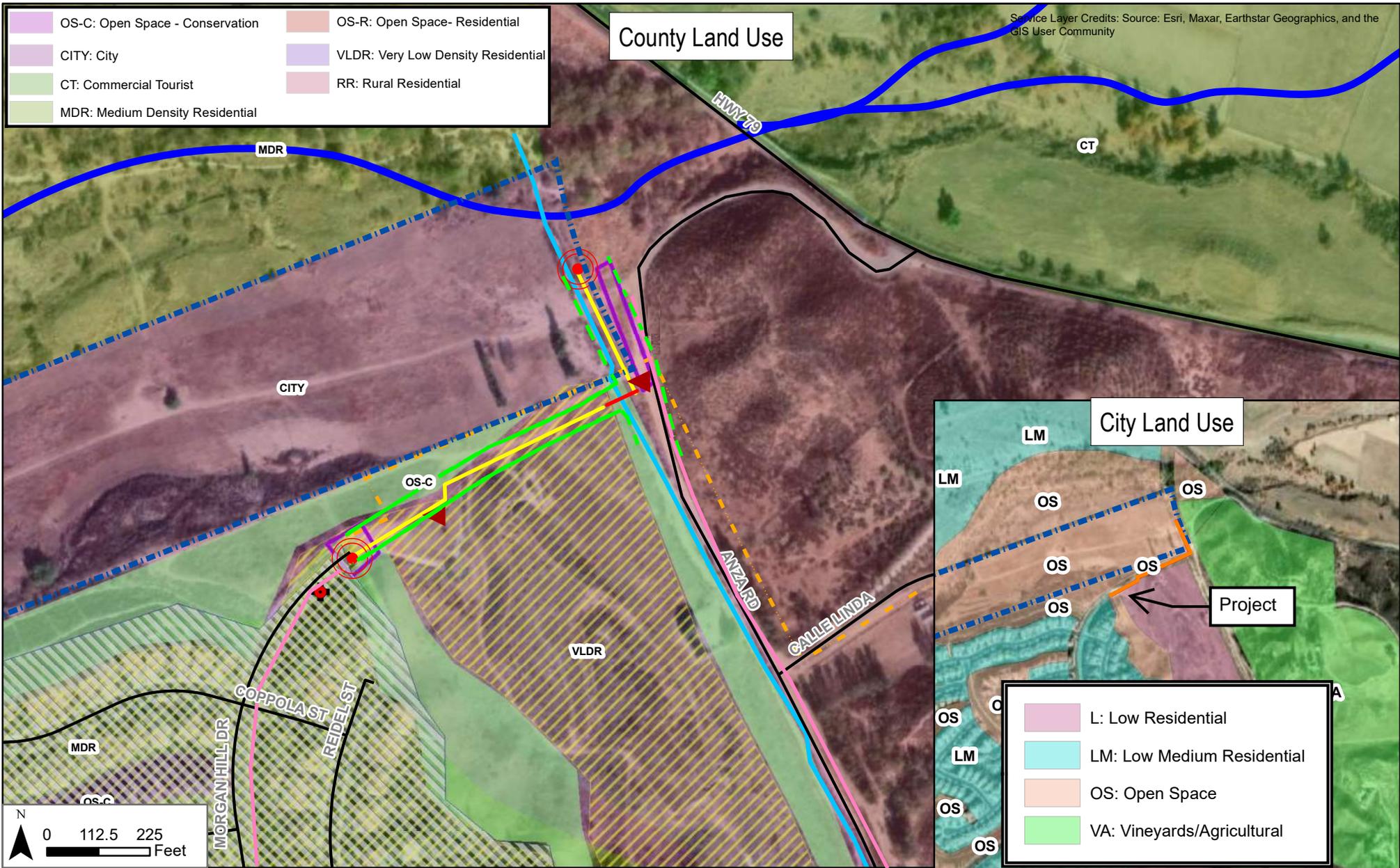




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Anza Road 1550 Pressure Pipeline Extension Project
Figure 1. Regional & Vicinity Map



- Road Centerline
- Hydrant
- Temecula Creek
- Future Anza Road Right-of-Way
- Jack and Bore Pipeline Construction
- Morgan Hill Development & HOA
- City of Temecula
- Open Trench Pipeline Construction
- Staging Area
- Connection_Points
- Overhead Electric Line
- Future Residential Anza Road 1550 Pressure Pipeline Extension Project
- Air Valve
- Jurisdictional Dry Wash
- Future Open Space
- Morgan Hill Dedicated Future Right-of-Way
- Future Morgan Hill Specific Plan Trails



Figure 2. General Plan Land Use Map