

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Notice of Availability/Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearings For the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration For the proposed 2020-2021 Water Pipeline Replacement Project

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To: California State Clearinghouse
California Responsible Agencies
California Trustee Agencies
Riverside County, County Clerk
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Army Corps of Engineers
Other Interested Agencies
Interested Parties and Organization
Affected Property Owners

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Subject:

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Notice of Availability (NOA), public comment period and public hearings for an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed 2020-2021 Water Pipelines Replacement (Project). The environmental document analyzes the potential environmental effects of the Project.

Public Review and Comment Period:

The Lead Agency invites public comments on the Draft IS/MND in accordance with CEQA and in response to this NOA. A 30-day comment period will begin on June 16, 2023 and end on July 17, 2023. In your response, include your name, the name of your agency or organization (if applicable), and contact information.

The Draft IS/MND will be available for review on the District's website, www.bcvwd.org. Comments must be submitted by 5pm on July 17, 2023 to Mark Swanson, Director of Engineering at mark.swanson@bcvwd.org. If no substantive comments are received by this deadline, the draft IS/MND will become final and be published by the District. If substantive comments are received, they'll be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The Lead Agency has scheduled a public hearing on July 27, 2023. The purpose of the public hearings are to receive verbal and written input on the technical adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. The Lead Agency will consider all comments, written and oral, during the preparation of the Final MND. The District is committed to public engagement and transparency.

Background:

The District was formed in 1919 as an Irrigation District under California Water Code §20500 et seq. to provide domestic and irrigation water to the city of Beaumont, the community of Cherry Valley, and surrounding area. The service area of the District covers approximately 28 square miles, and the District's sphere of influence covers approximately 37.5 square miles, virtually all of which is located within the County of Riverside, and includes the community of Cherry Valley, the City of Beaumont, and small portions of the City of Calimesa. The District also operates wells and a reservoir north of Riverside County in San Bernardino County. The District has a potable and a non-potable water system. The potable water system has 24 wells, 11 pressure zones and 14 tanks. Existing Noble Tank No. 1 is one of two tanks that serve the 3040 Potable Water Pressure Zone, (the "3040" is the operating hydraulic grade line in the pressure zone relative to mean sea level).

The District has about 17,000 service connections and delivers about 11,000 acre-ft/year of potable water. All of the water is from groundwater in Edgar Canyon (Little San Gorgonio Creek) and the Beaumont Groundwater Basin. The District obtains imported State Project Water from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, recharges that water in District-owned spreading basins in Cherry Valley, and subsequently extracts the water for potable use. Since 2007, the District has recharged an average of about 5,000 acreft/year of imported water. In January 2016 the District Board of Directors adopted a Potable Water Master Plan Update and subsequently a capital improvement program was adopted.

Project Description and Location:

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (District) has identified six (6) sections of pipeline infrastructure within its service area that require replacement.

PIPELINE 1

Pipeline 1 scope of work includes replacing an aging 6-inch diameter steel pipeline in Lambert Road from Napoleon Street to the end of the cul-de-sac, a distance of approximately 240 feet. The work includes abandonment of existing pipeline in Lambert Road, installing new meter services, laterals, and appurtenances (including individual service lines for each property), reconnect services to the new pipeline, remove existing blowoff valve, and replace with new fire hydrants (one located at existing blowoff location and one new hydrant at the end of the cul-de-sac). The new pipeline will connect to the existing 10-inch diameter steel pipeline located in Napoleon Street. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down.

PIPELINE 2

Pipeline 2 scope of work includes replacing an aging 6-inch diameter steel pipeline in Bing Place from Napoleon Street to the end of the cul-de-sac, a distance of approximately 240 feet. Abandon the existing pipeline in Bing Place, install new meter services, laterals, and appurtenances (including individual services lines for each property), reconnect services to the new pipeline, remove existing blow off valve, and replace with new fire hydrants (one located at existing blowoff location and one new hydrant at the end of the cul-de-sac). The new pipeline will connect to the existing 10-inch diameter steel pipeline located in Napoleon Street. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down.

PIPELINE 3

Pipeline 3 scope of work includes replacing a series of three aging 6-inch diameter steel pipelines in Star Lane, Sky Lane, and View Drive. The existing Sky Lane and Star Lane pipelines are each connected to an existing 12- inch diameter DIP located in Orchard Street. The Star Lane pipeline is approximately 390 feet in length, the Sky Lane pipeline is approximately 395 feet in length and the View Drive pipeline is approximately 390 feet. The existing pipelines within Star Lane, Sky Lane, and View Drive are to be abandoned-in-place and the new main lines constructed adjacent to said existing pipelines. Installation of new meter services, laterals, and appurtenances shall be per District standards with individual services to each property (no split services). New fire hydrants shall be located and included as part of the design in accordance with fire department standards, coordinated with District staff, and approved by the jurisdiction agency. The new pipelines located in Star Lane and Sky Lane will connect to the existing 12-inch diameter DIP pipeline located in Orchard Street. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down.

PIPELINE 4

Pipeline 4 scope of work includes replacing an 840 LF (approximate) portion of an existing 4-inch diameter high pressure steel pipeline in Utica Way from Vineland Street to an existing in-line valve (as identified by District field staff). The existing pipeline in Utica Way shall be abandoned and most likely removed with the proposed pipeline to be constructed adjacent to the existing. New water services, laterals and appurtenances shall be connected to the new pipeline. The new pipeline will connect to the existing 10-inch diameter steel pipeline located in Vineland Street. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down.

PIPELINE 5

Pipeline 5 scope of work includes replacing an aging 6-inch diameter high pressure steel pipeline in Avenida Sonrisa from Avenida San Timoteo to Avenida Miravilla, a distance of approximately 1,380 feet. The existing pipeline in Avenida Sonrisa shall be abandoned-in-place and the new main line constructed adjacent to the existing. Installation of new meter services, laterals, and appurtenances to be per District standards with individual services to each property (no split services). New fire hydrants shall be located and included as part of the design in accordance with fire department standards, coordinated with District staff, and approved by the jurisdictional agency. The new pipeline will connect to the existing 6-inch diameter steel pipeline located in Avenida San Timoteo and the existing 6-inch diameter Asbestos-Cement pipe (ACP) pipeline located approximately 700

feet east of Avenida Miravilla. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by the District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down.

PIPELINE 6

Pipeline 6 scope of work includes replacing an aging 6-inch diameter steel pipeline in Avenida Miravilla from the existing 6-inch tee connection located near Quail Road (Private) to the existing blowoff valve in Avenida Miravilla, a distance of approximately 300 feet. The existing pipeline in Avenida Miravilla shall be abandoned and most likely removed with the proposed pipeline to be constructed adjacent to the existing. Installation of new meter services, laterals, and appurtenances to be per District standards with individual services to each property (no split services). New fire hydrants shall be located and included as part of the design in accordance with fire department standards, coordinated with District staff, and approved by the jurisdictional agency. The new pipeline will connect to the existing 6-inch diameter ACP pipeline located near Quail Road. Said connection will require a cut-in tee detail, as provided by District staff. Coordination with property owners will be required during construction due to the existing pipeline potentially being shut down. Avenida Miravilla is a relatively narrow road and is lined with large trees, so particular attention should be paid to ensure that an alignment can be determined with little impact to trees.