

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Public Agency	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)
Project Name	Canyon Lake Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Improvements Project
Project Description	EVMWD is proposing to implement new treatment facilities at the Canyon Lake Water Treatment Plant (CLWTP) to address current capacity and water quality issues. The project would demolish the existing intake pump station, static mixers, clarifier, and chemical feed area. The project would construct a new intake pump station at the lake; new static mixers and sedimentation/flocculation basins; new equipment for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, taste, and odor treatment; new booster and backwash pump stations; and chemical and maintenance buildings. The proposed improvements, as well as construction staging areas, would be located within the boundary of the existing CLWTP.
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets.	The CLWTP is located in the City of Canyon Lake, Riverside County, California. It borders the City of Lake Elsinore on the southern end of Canyon Lake. The overall CLWTP site is approximately 12.6 acres. The site can be accessed via Longhorn Drive or Via De La Valle, which connect to Old Newport Road and the access roads through the CLWTP. Refer to Figure 1, <i>Aerial Photograph</i> , attached to this document.

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 Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed Project IS considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.	
The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format at: https://evmwd.com/ceqa-information/ .	
Comments will be received from September 13, 2023, through October 12, 2023. Comments may be submitted electronically to Parag Kalaria, PE, PMP at pkalaria@evmwd.net or mailed to P.O. Box 884, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531.	
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing to the Lead Agency prior to October 12, 2023. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	

The Lead Agency will consider the Project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a future public meeting. Information regarding the public meeting will be posted at: <https://evmwd.com/ceqa-information/>.

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

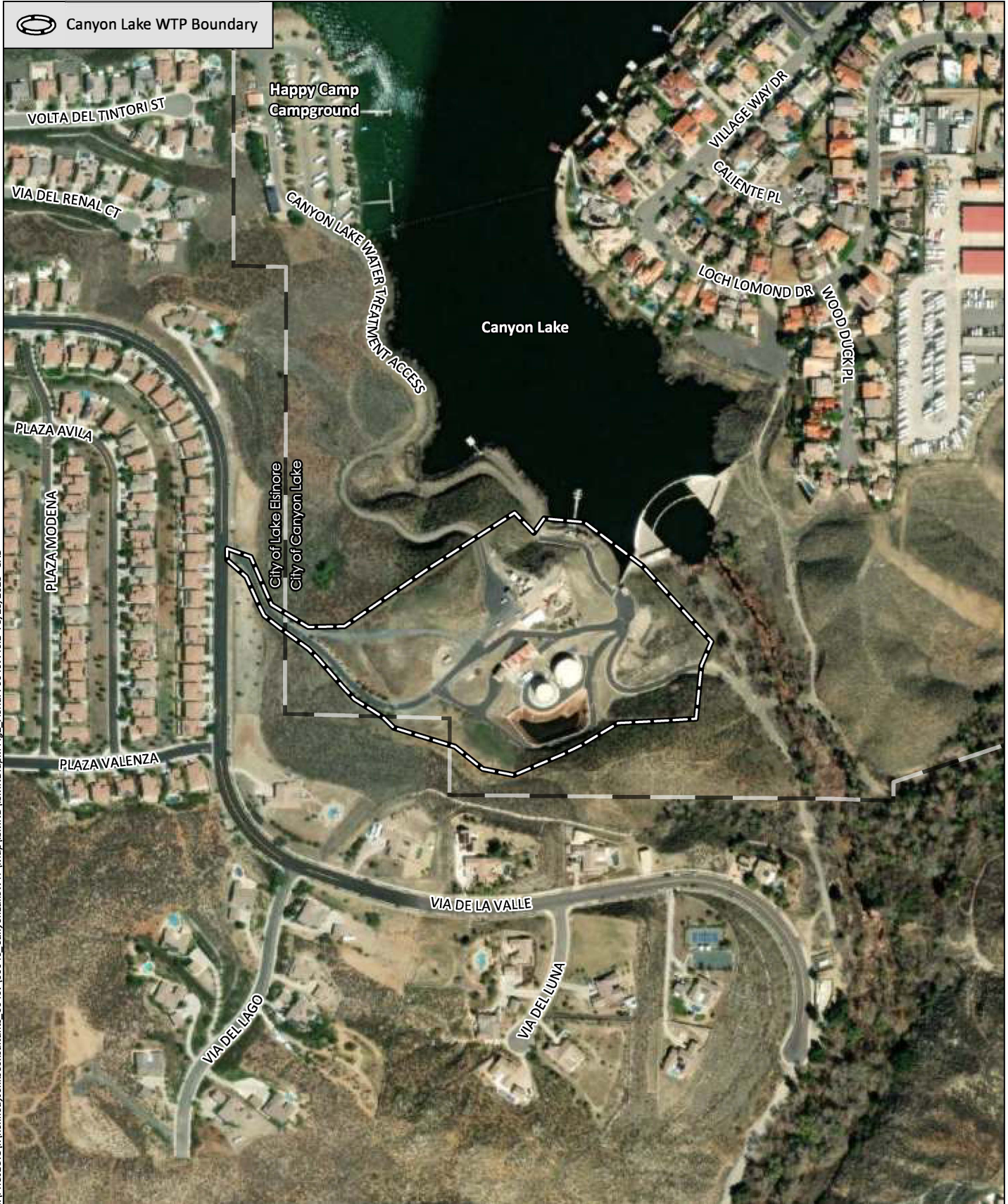
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Director of Engineering and Water Resources
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Attachment: Figure 1, Aerial Photograph



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