

## SERRANO WATER DISTRICT SMITH RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

## PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This serves as the Notice of Intent by the Serrano Water District to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Smith Reservoir Replacement Project; prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines.

Name of Project: Smith Reservoir Replacement Project ("Project").

**Project Location:** The approximately 1.7-acre Project site is located approximately southwest of the

intersection of Taft Avenue and Sycamore Street in the City of Villa Park (see

Figure 1, Project Vicinity Map; Figure 2 Project Location).

**Lead Agency:** Serrano Water District

18021 Lincoln Street

Villa Park, California 92861

Project
Description:

The Project consists of replacing the existing 6-million-gallon (MG) Smith Reservoir and Pump Station which has reached the end of its useful life. The replacement reservoir will include: two below grade cast-in-place concrete tanks of the same size as the existing below grade tanks; a replacement pump station with increased maximum pumping capacity from 7,400 gallons per minute (gpm) to 8,400 gpm and with modernized with instrumentation and controls as well as improvements to facilitate maintenance; and construction of a valve vault and connection into existing City of Orange system in Cannon Street, at intersection of Taft Avenue and Cannon Street. Construction will occur in two phases: Phase 1 involves the East Tank and pump station (Figures 3, 4, and 5); Phase 2 involves the West Tank (Figure 6). The Project will provide storage capacity to meet operational, fire, and emergency water demands for the District.

The Project site is not designated a hazardous waste property, nor is it a hazardous waste disposal site as defined under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Serrano Water District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited Project. This Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the Project's potential impacts will be maintained at a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by the Initial Study prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. The proposed Mitigated Negative

Declaration and supporting materials are available for review at the Serrano Water District located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California, 92861 and on the Serrano Water District website at <a href="https://serranowater.org/">https://serranowater.org/</a>.

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact:

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Public Review Period: 30 days Begins: 12/12/2023 Ends: 1/10/2024

**Public Meeting:** Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered at a public

hearing by the District which is scheduled to take place on January 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Serrano Water District located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa

Park, CA 92861.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the Serrano Water District no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024**, in order to be considered prior to the final determination on the Project by the District. Please submit your written comments to Jerry Vilander, General Manager, Serrano Water District, 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, CA 92861. or via email to info@serranowater.org.











