

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Wine Country Sewer Project

Lead Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District

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Project Location: City of Temecula and Unincorporated Riverside County
City County

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

The proposed project consists of the construction of two separate sewer segments identified as the Northern Alignment and the Southern Alignment. The Northern Alignment is located within a portion of unincorporated Riverside County within the District's service area. The Northern Alignment would construct approximately 2.74 miles (14,467 linear feet) of sewer transmission lines located within the rights-of-way (ROW) of the following roadway segments:

1. Rancho California Road, Lomo Ventoso Lane to Buck Road
2. Glenoaks Road, Rancho California Road to Camino del Vino
3. Buck Road, Rancho California Road to Otis Street
4. Warren Road, Otis Street to East Benton Road
5. East Benton Road, Warren Road to Bella Vista Road

The Southern Alignment is located within portions of the city of Temecula and unincorporated Riverside County within the District's service area. The Southern Alignment would construct approximately 4.34 miles (22,915 linear feet) of sewer transmission lines within a segment of De Portola Road, beginning at the intersection with Butterfield Stage Road and extending eastward to the intersection with Pulgas Creek Road.

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, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources.

Due to the proximity of potentially suitable riparian habitat to work areas, indirect impacts as a result of construction noise during the breeding season (March 15 through September 15) could result if this species were to nest adjacent to the project site. Mitigation measure BIO-1 would not permit construction activities between March 15 and September 15 to occur within any portion of the project site where construction activities would result in noise levels exceeding 60 A-weighted decibels [dB(A)] hourly average (or ambient, whichever is higher) at the edge of occupied least Bell's vireo habitat. Therefore, implementation of mitigation measure BIO-1 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

Vegetation removal during construction would have the potential to impact burrowing owl. Mitigation measure BIO-2 would require a pre-construction take avoidance survey which would reduce burrowing owl impacts to a level less than significant.

Vegetation removal and construction activities would have the potential to impact Stephens' kangaroo rat. Mitigation measure BIO-3 would require a pre-construction take avoidance survey which would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

Potential direct and indirect impacts could result to the downy woodpecker, the northern harrier, and migratory and nesting birds should construction activities occur during the general avian and raptor breeding season (January 1 through

August 31), which would be considered significant. Mitigation measure BIO-4 states if construction must take place during the nesting season, a qualified biologist shall perform a pre-construction survey for nesting birds. Therefore, implementation of mitigation measure BIO-4 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

The project has potential to result in indirect impacts to potential jurisdictional resources occurring adjacent to the project site which would be considered significant. Mitigation measure BIO-5 requires implementation of best management practices to avoid indirect impacts to potentially jurisdictional features. Therefore, implementation of mitigation measure BIO-5 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

The Southern Alignment is located within alluvial and floodplain deposits from the Temecula Creek which may have unknown buried cultural resources, the discovery of which would be considered a significant impact. Implementation of mitigation measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 would reduce this impact to a level less than significant.

While no human remains are anticipated to be discovered during project construction, in the unexpected event that human remains are encountered during construction, mitigation measure CUL-3 would require the project to follow Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, which would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

Excavation to depths that would reach intact native soils may have unknown buried paleontological resources, the discovery of which would be considered significant. Implementation of mitigation measure PAL-1 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

The project would have the potential to unearth previously unknown tribal cultural resources, which would be considered a significant impact. Implementation of mitigation measures TRIBAL-1 through TRIBAL-4 would reduce impacts to a level 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.

Not Applicable

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

Northern Alignment

1. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit¹ from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 8
2. Encroachment Permit from the County of Riverside
3. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan from the State of California
4. Encroachment Permit from Riverside County Flood Control

Southern Alignment

1. Encroachment Permit from the City of Temecula
2. Encroachment Permit from the County of Riverside
3. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan from the State of California
4. Encroachment Permit from Riverside County Flood Control

¹The District currently operates under a districtwide NPDES Permit. This permit would be followed if needed for groundwater discharges.