

**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Lead Agency: West Valley Water District
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Project Title: West Valley Water District Well No. 57 Project

State Clearinghouse Number: Not yet assigned

Project Location: The West Valley Water District (WVWD or District) service area is located in southern California within southwestern San Bernardino County with a small part in northern Riverside County. The project will occur within the northern portion of the District. The potential well site is at a site northwest of the intersection of Vesta Way and Knox Ave, just northeast of the intersection of Knox Avenue and Walsh Lane in the City of Fontana. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Devore, CA, and is located in Section 24, Township 1 North and Range 6 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 34.158017°, -117.458400°.

Project Description: The District seeks to install a new well, which would aid the District in meeting current and future demand, and provide backup for an existing well in the District's water supply. Well No. 57 is proposed to be located on an approximately 1.6-acre portion of three parcels within the City of Fontana (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 110-752-174, 110-752-176, and 110-752-171) a site northwest of the intersection of Vesta Way and Knox Ave, just northeast of the intersection of Knox Avenue and Walsh Lane in the City of Fontana. The District owns APNs 110-752-174 and 110-752-176, and are requesting access from the City of Fontana for APN 110-752-171. Additionally, the District is requesting an easement from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) for access to the site, for power to the site, to enable flush to waste drainage pipeline installation, and discharge to the existing catch basin, and a well pipeline connection to the existing 24" waterline.

The site would include the following features: a 12" in diameter pipeline connecting to the District's distribution system in Knox Avenue; a 6" drain line the purpose for which is to connect to a pump for waste; a 6' x 9' chlorination building adjacent to the proposed well for sodium hypochlorite 12.5% storage; and, a 5" conduit, switch gear, and transformer to connect to the existing powerline pole.

Finding: West Valley Water District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the District has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

Initial Study: Copies of the Initial Study can be reviewed at the District's office at 855 W Baseline Rd, Rialto, CA 92376. The Initial Study can also be found at the District's Website: www.wvwd.org. The public review period for the Initial Study begins on July 30, 2022 and ends on August 29, 2022.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on beginning on Page 88 of the Initial Study and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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