

**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: Office of Planning & Research
State Clearinghouse
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From: West Valley Water District
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Rialto, CA 92376

and

San Bernardino County
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San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

SCH Number: To be 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.

Project Sponsor(s): West Valley Water District

This is to advise that West Valley Water District, acting as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the following finding:

- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:

- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
- (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the District based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the District's website (www.wvwd.org) or it can be obtained electronically at the District's physical address at:

West Valley Water District
855 W Baseline Rd, Rialto, CA 92376
or via email at: rgutierrez@wvwd.org

The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins July 30, 2024 and ends on August 29, 2024 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Ms. Rosa Gutierrez at the mailing address listed above no later than August 29, 2024 by 5:00 PM.


Signature

General Manager
Title

7.23.24
Date

Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- OPR