

**Notice of Availability and  
Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
for the East Valley Water District Well No. 129 Project**

East Valley Water District (District or EVWD) has prepared an Initial Study for the East Valley Water District Well No. 129 Project, which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be issued, and the District has authorized the release of the proposed Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review and comment for the above project.

The District seeks to install a new well, which would aid the District in meeting current and future demand. Well No. 129 is proposed to be located within a less than one acre portion of an approximately 2.37-acre parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 121038110) a site northwest of the intersection of Calle Del Rio Street and Vista Clara Street, south of Oak Creek, in the City of Highland. The District owns APN 121038110, which presently contains two 3-million gallon steel water storage reservoirs. The site is referred to as EVWD Plant No. 129.

The site would include the following features: the new well (wellhead); an 8" diameter pipeline connecting to the District's existing piping onsite; a 4' diameter reinforced concrete pipe that extends 2' above grade and 16" RCP drain line; chlorine and orthophosphate dosing systems; a 55' x 20' Concrete Masonry Unit block building with a standing seam metal roof enclosing the wellhead, discharge header, PTW header, electrical equipment, and chemical facilities. The District anticipates that the new well will be drilled utilizing the reverse circulation rotary drilling method to about 550 feet below ground surface, based on the depth of the District's nearby well. The objective for the well is to generate 25 to 150 acre-feet of potable groundwater on a monthly basis.

A copy of the Initial Study can be obtained electronically at the District's physical address listed below or on the District's website at [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org). The 30-day period of review will be from August 26, 2024 and ends on September 25, 2024. Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Nathan Carlson at contact information provided below no later than September 25, 2024 by 5:00 PM.

The District has not scheduled a specific date for this matter to go before the District's Board of Directors to discuss and possibly adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the project. The technical and environmental issues related to this project may be discussed at this meeting. Please contact Mr. Nathan Carlson if you have questions regarding the District's review process for considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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