

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

To: Office of Planning & Research
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Project Title: East Valley Water District Well No. 129 Project

SCH Number: To be assigned

Project Location: The East Valley Water District (EVWD or District) service area is located in southern California within southwestern San Bernardino County. The project will occur within the eastern part of the District's service area. The potential well site is located northwest of the intersection of Calle Del Rio St. and Vista Clara St., just south of Oak Creek in the City of Highland. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Redlands, CA, and is located in Section 1, Township 1 South and Range 3 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 34.112523°, -117.139739°.

Project Description: 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.

Project Sponsor(s): East Valley Water District

This is to advise that East 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.eastvalley.org) or it can be obtained electronically at the District's physical address at:

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The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins August 26, 2024 and ends on September 25, 2024 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Nathan Carlson at the mailing address listed above no later than September 25, 2024 by 5:00 PM.

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