

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Matilija Groundwater Supply Test/Monitoring Well

Lead Agency: Casitas Municipal Water District

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Project Location: Ojai
City

Ventura County
County

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

The Project is comprised of one vertical well completed in the Matilija Sandstone Formation passing through several other formations to a depth of about 7,000 feet. Well piping would be installed at the wellhead, which would be used for testing and monitoring purposes. Well drilling would require about six weeks and is tentatively scheduled for summer 2025. Drilling operations would continue 24 hours per day, seven days per week (unless an unforeseen problem or obstacle is encountered). Upon completion, the well head would be equipped with a high-pressure valve (no pumping is anticipated to be required) and above-grade piping such that the entire confined pressure and/or artesian flow can be controlled, quantified, monitored, and tested over several years. It is estimated three years of monitoring and testing would provide adequate information to determine if a permanent well is feasible and, if so, to provide for information for design criteria for its development. After this three-year test period, the well would remain in place with operations conducted as determined by review of the data collected over the test period.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air pollutant emissions generated by construction activities may adversely affect local and regional air quality. Emissions reduction measures recommended by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District have been incorporated into the project and will be implemented.

Active bird nests may be disturbed during construction. Construction activities will be timed to avoid the breeding season, or bird surveys conducted and active nests avoided.

Archaeological resources may be discovered during project-related excavation. Measures to stop work and assess any found resources have been incorporated into the project.

Hydrogen sulfide may be released during drilling operations. A Hazard Detection and Prevention Plan/Emergency Response Plan will be developed and implemented.

Drill cuttings spread at the project site may be transported into drainages by storm water run-off. Berms will be placed around the cuttings to contain them on-site.

Evening and nighttime drilling noise will adversely affect residences. Temporary sound walls will be installed and local residents notified of the drilling schedule.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No controversy is known to the lead agency

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

Trustee agencies include the Ventura County APCD, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board and State Water Resources Control Board.