



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Casitas Municipal Water District
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD and CEQA Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code §21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Calif. Code of Regs., §15000 et seq.). Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the minimum 30-day public review period extending from January 24, 2025 to February 24, 2025. The document is available for public review at: www.casitaswater.com.

Project Title: Matilija Groundwater Supply Test/Monitoring Well

Project Location: The Project site is located approximately 400 feet southwest of the Robles Diversion and Fish Passage Facility west of the Ventura River, about two miles downstream of Matilija Dam in unincorporated Ventura County.

Brief Project Description: 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. All produced groundwater would be discharged to a series of detention basins for infiltration and evaporation. No discharge would occur to the Robles Canal or other surface waters. 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 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.

Public Meeting: The CMWD Board of Directors may consider the Matilija Groundwater Supply Test/Monitoring Well at a Board of Directors meeting to be scheduled in February or March 2025. Please check the Board Meeting agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details: <https://www.casitaswater.com/about-us/board-of-directors>

30-Day Document Review: The document is available for review online at: www.casitaswater.org. A hard copy can be made available for review at the District office. If a hard copy review is required, please contact Julia Aranda at the email address provided below.

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to:

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Figure 1: Site Plan – Matilija Groundwater Supply Test/Monitoring Well

