



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
BELLE TERRE WATER STORAGE TANK
LOCATED WITHIN BELLE TERRE SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 382**

Public Review Period: April 5, 2021 to May 5, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eastern Municipal Water District (District) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Belle Terre Water Storage Tank Project (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Project site is located within the Belle Terre Specific Plan No. 382 (Planning Area 24) in the community of French Valley in the unincorporated area of County of Riverside. Specifically, the Project site is north of Fields Drive and east of San Diego Canal.

The Project consists of construction of a 1.79 million gallon (MG) potable water storage tank and associated infrastructure that would provide potable water service to the Belle Terre community as planned by SP382S1. The Project would also include two (2) 18-inch diameter water pipelines, paved access road, a detention basin, and a concrete-lined flat bottom ditch. Additionally, a free-standing communication antenna tower, approximately 40-feet high, would be constructed on the site just southwest of the tank.

Construction is anticipated to occur weekdays between 6am and 6pm during the months June through September and between 7am and 6pm during the months October through May taking approximately one year to complete with projected operation commencing in November 2021. Approximately 53,778 CY of soil will be exported during the soil hauling phase and would take approximately 15 days to export the soil.

The proposed project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on Monday April 5, 2021. Comments on the IS/MND should focus on environmental issues and must be

received by Wednesday May 5, 2021. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

Joseph Broadhead
Principal Water Resources Specialist – CEQA
Eastern Municipal Water District
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572

Email or written comments received by Wednesday May 5, 2021 will be considered before the MND is approved for adoption by the District’s Board of Directors. A public meeting of the District’s Board of Directors will be held following public notification of the hearing on the District’s website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place at the District’s headquarters on the first and third Wednesday of each month:

Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92570

Copies of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the District’s headquarters (address above) and online at <https://www.emwd.org/public-notice>.

