Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
Murrieta Road Transmission Pipeline Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Murrieta Road Transmission Pipeline Project (proposed Project) to construct and operate a 36- to 42-inch-diameter water transmission line from the Perris II Desalter Complex (Desalter) in the City of Menifee approximately 1.33 miles south, mostly in the Murrieta Road right-of-way, to La Piedra Road, where the proposed pipeline will connect to an existing 36-inch diameter water main in La Piedra Road about 250 feet east of its intersection with Murrieta Road. The proposed Project will provide capacity to transmit potable water from the Desalter from the Desalter to the existing main in La Piedra Road.

The proposed project site is located west of Interstate 215 and east of Interstate 15 in the City of Menifee, Riverside County. The proposed Project site would be within the public right-of-way except for two site segments: one on the District Sun City Regional Water Reclamation Facility property at the north end of the site; and a second possible segment along the east side of Murrieta Road extending 250 feet north from La Piedra Road.

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, this Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on December 11, 2019. Comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by January 10, 2020. Please submit email comments to EMWD_Comments@helixepi.com and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Eastern Municipal Water District
PO Box 8300
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Email or written comments received by January 10, 2020 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 to take action on the MND will be held at 9:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, on February 19, 2020, at the District’s headquarters:

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), online at https://www.emwd.org/public-notices, and at the libraries below:

Sun City Library: 26982 Cherry Hills Boulevard, Menifee, CA 92586
Paloma Valley Library: 31375 Bradley Road, Menifee, CA 92584