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Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: July 17, 2020

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District

Title: Goetz Road Potable Water Storage Tank and Transmission Pipeline Project (SCH No. 2015101020)

Review Period: July 17 through August 31, 2020

Project Description: This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Project Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to provide the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential effects on the environment associated with implementing the proposed Goetz Road Potable Water Storage Tank and Transmission Pipeline Project (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project would involve construction and operation of an 8 million gallon (MG) potable water storage tank, a chlorination facility, other associated facilities, and a transmission pipeline. The proposed water storage tank and chlorination facility would be constructed on a 2.85-acre parcel owned by EMWD located in the City of Perris. A new transmission pipeline is proposed within undeveloped land and Thornton Avenue in the City of Menifee to connect the new water storage tank to the existing 1627 transmission pipeline within Murrieta Road. The Proposed Project would address a number of deficiencies in EMWD's 1627 pressure zone as identified in EMWD's Water Facilities Master Plan. Portions of EMWD's 1627 pressure zone are hydraulically isolated due to major north-south pipeline corridors that lack east-west capacity. Additionally, the zone has low pressure, deficient storage, and insufficient pumping capacities. The Proposed Project would correct existing storage deficiencies and provide additional storage volume for existing and proposed development within the 1627 pressure zone.

Project Location. The Proposed Project is located in EMWD's service area in the County of Riverside, specifically in the cities of Perris and Menifee as shown on **Figure 1**. Per Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, there are no open active cases for hazardous materials sites within the Proposed Project area or within 0.25-mile of the Proposed Project components.

Potential Environmental Impacts: This Draft EIR describes the environmental impacts of the Proposed Project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. This Draft EIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts

associated with temporary construction-related noise and vibration of the Proposed Project. All other potentially significant impacts are determined to be mitigated to less than significant levels with incorporation of mitigation measures.

Public Review and Comment Deadline: EMWD is soliciting comments from the public regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will be used by EMWD Board of Directors when considering approval of the Proposed Project. EMWD has established a 45-day review period compliant with the requirement of Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code. The review period begins **July 17, 2020** and ends **August 31, 2020**. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to Joe Broadhead at the address shown by **5:00 PM on August 31, 2020**. A contact name and return address or email address should be included with your comments.

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Document Availability: The Draft EIR is available electronically at: <https://www.emwd.org/public-notices>. Copies of the Draft EIR are located at EMWD’s office lobby. Hard copies of the Draft EIR have been delivered to the following local libraries:

- Perris Public Library, 163 E. San Jacinto, Perris, CA 92570
- Sun City Public Library, 26982 Cherry Hills, Menifee, CA 92586

In order to comply with COVID-19 social distancing requirements, in the event of the libraries’ closure, the Draft EIR is available online at the EMWD website. Please contact Joe Broadhead above for further information.



SOURCE: ESRI, 2019; ESA, 2019.

Goetz Road Potable Water Storage Tank and Transmission Pipeline Project

Figure 1
Proposed Project

