



**Notice of Availability
of a
Focused Draft Environmental Impact Report
Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Initiative – Phase III Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2018081021)**

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has completed a focused draft environmental impact report (FDEIR) analyzing the potential environmental impacts of its proposed Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Initiative – Phase III Project which includes the installation of solar arrays and associated equipment at four of its regional water reclamation facilities (RWRF) and at a site immediately north of its San Jacinto Valley RWRF site. The FDEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 21000 – 21177], the State CEQA Guidelines [California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000 – 15387] and EMWD’s Administrative Code, Resolution 5111, Title 4, Article 1, Sections 4.101 – 4.112.

Project Location

The proposed project would be located at five sites:

- Moreno Valley RWRF, 17140 Kitching Street, Moreno Valley
- Perris Valley RWRF, 1330 E Watson Road, Perris
- Sun City RWRF, 29285 Valley Boulevard, Menifee
- San Jacinto Valley RWRF, 770 N Sanderson Avenue, San Jacinto
- San Jacinto Valley RWRF North (RES-BCT Project), near 770 N Sanderson Avenue, San Jacinto

The project sites are not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project Description

The proposed capacity and pad size at each facility follows:

- Moreno Valley RWRF, 2.500 MW, CEC-AC¹, 14.1 acres
- Perris Valley RWRF, 3.177 MW, CEC-AC, 34.4 acres
- Sun City RWRF, 2.000 MW, CEC-AC, 25.9 acres
- San Jacinto Valley RWRF, 2.000 MW, CEC-AC, 11.2 acres
- San Jacinto Valley RWRF North (RES-BCT Project), 5.000 MW, CEC-AC, 42.6 acres

Significant Environmental Impacts

Based on the analysis in the FDEIR, it was concluded that during construction of the pads, exhaust emissions would exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) construction-related threshold criteria for significance for oxides of nitrogen (100 pounds per day) at all sites.

In addition, construction activities at the San Jacinto Valley RWRF and San Jacinto Valley RWRF North (RES-BCT Project) sites would generate respirable particulate emissions (PM₁₀) that would exceed SCAQMD’s localized significance thresholds (96 pounds

¹ Megawatts as rated by the California Energy Commission as alternating current.

per day). There are no feasible alternatives or additional mitigation measures to reduce these potentially significant air quality impacts. All other potential environmental impacts can be reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation as outlined in the FDEIR.

Document Availability

The Focused Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for review at the following locations:

Eastern Municipal Water District
Administrative Offices
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, California 92570

<https://www.emwd.org/about-emwd/public-notice>.

Providing Comments

The public comment period on the FDEIR begins on October 16, 2018 and closes on November 30, 2018. Please submit written comments on the FDEIR in person, by first class mail, or email to:

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All comments must be received by EMWD no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2018. Comments provided by email should include "Solar Phase III Project FDEIR Comment" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.