

Eastern Municipal Water District 2270 Trumble Road P.O. Box 8300 Perris, CA 92572-8300

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Revised Mitigated Negative Declaration Perris North Groundwater Monitoring Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Revised Perris North Groundwater Monitoring Project (proposed project) to construct and operate groundwater monitoring wells in the Perris North Sub-basin. A total of 16 well clusters, of up to 4 individual well casings each, would be constructed, though exact well locations are being determined. As such, a series of project parcels, within which the well clusters would be constructed, are being evaluated. Twenty-one parcels are being considered in both the City of Moreno Valley City of Perris (see map attached). Monitoring wells would be drilled to a maximum depth of 60 to 515 feet below ground surface. Wells would be located to monitor water quality and depth in areas of concern for perchlorate, volatile organic compounds, and nitrate, as well as a well outside the areas of concern to monitor potential movement of these constituents of concern. This project would provide data needed to assist in the on-going management of the Perris North Sub-basin.

The proposed project is generally bounded on the west by Interstate 215, on the north by Sunnymead Ranch Parkway, on the south by Rider Street, and on the east by Nason Street (see map attached). Wells would be located within vacant, city-owned, or EMWD-owned properties.

One of the proposed project parcels, MW-3, is included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Two of the proposed project parcels, MW-13 and MW-16, are adjacent to listed sites.

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 Friday, December 10, 2021. Comments on the Draft Revised Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by Monday, January 10, 2022. Please submit email comments to broadhei@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Email or written comments received by January 10, 2022 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 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:

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

