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

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Perris North Groundwater Monitoring Project (proposed project) to construct and operate groundwater monitoring wells in the Perris North Groundwater Management Zone. Ten monitoring wells would be constructed, seven of which would be in the City of Moreno Valley and three in the City of Perris (see map attached). Monitoring wells would range in depth from 240 to 750 feet. 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 inform overall management of the Perris North Groundwater Management Zone.

The proposed project is generally bounded on the west by Interstate 215 and to the north by Gregory Lane. It is generally bounded to the south by Rider Street, and to the east by Laselle Street (see map attached). Wells would be located within the public right-of-way along Sunnymead Boulevard, Indian Street, Cottonwood Avenue, Graham Street, Alessandro Boulevard, Lasselle Street, John F. Kennedy Drive, Harley Knox Boulevard, and Rivard Road, as well as two EMWD-owned properties.

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 20, 2020. Comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Email or written comments received by May 20, 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 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-notices.