

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Mission Canyon II Pump Station and Pipeline Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to construct the Mission Canyon II Pump Station and Pipeline project that involves construction and operation of a new pump station and potable water pipelines in unincorporated Riverside County, generally along Gibbel Road, east of State Street and the City of Hemet. The District's 2016 Master Plan identified the need to replace the existing Mission Canyon II Pump Station along with other improvements in the District's Mission Canyon II 2264 Pressure Zone to address existing and future hydraulic deficiencies. Additionally, the District seeks to improve facility resilience to wildfire hazards, and the existing Mission Canyon II Pump Station was a critical facility identified for replacement.

Mission Canyon II Pump Station and Pipeline Project consists of the following components as shown in the attached figure: (1) Construct a new Mission Canyon II Pump Station facility on a vacant, disturbed parcel along the north side of Gibbel Road, east of Crow Road; (2) Demolish the existing Mission Canyon II Pump Station located off Gibbel Road, west of Crow Road; (3) Install approximately 3,200 linear feet of new 12-inch pipeline in Gibbel Road south of the new pump station; (4) Replace the existing 4-inch pipeline along Gibbel Road to the intersection with Polly Butte Road with approximately 1,100 linear feet of 8-inch pipeline; (5) Abandon approximately 3,050 linear feet of an existing 6-inch discharge pipeline from the existing pump station to the last service uphill of Polly Butte Road; (6) Install (via slip-lining) approximately 1,050 linear feet of 2-inch service line from the existing 6-inch pipeline along Gibbel Road to 40751 Gibbel Road; and (7) Replace the existing 6-inch pipeline. The proposed Project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Potential construction staging areas include the District-owned Assessor's Parcel Number 450-210-022 and a turnout of the dirt road near the intersection of Gibbel Road and Polly Butte Road.

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 Wednesday March 20, 2024. Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by Thursday April 18, 2024. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

Eastern Municipal Water District Attn: Joseph Broadhead P.O. Box 8300 Perris, CA 92572-8300

Email or written comments received by Thursday April 18, 2024 will be considered before the IS/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 IS/MND will be held following public notification of the hearing on the District's website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the District's headquarters: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris CA 92570. Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above), online at https://www.emwd.org/public-notices, and at the Hemet Public Library, 300 E Latham Avenue, Hemet CA 92543.

