



Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Rice Road Pipeline at Salt Creek

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to extend an existing potable water pipeline and convert an existing potable water pipeline to a recycled water pipeline under Salt Creek, along Rice Road between Olive Avenue and Domenigoni Parkway in the unincorporated community of Winchester, Riverside County. The Project would provide reliability and redundancy to deliver potable water and recycled water to planned growth to minimize service interruptions, as well as promote public safety through the delivery of sufficient pressure and availability of water to support fire suppression services. The proposed Project is comprised of two components (see map attached):

1. Component 1: Construct approximately 800 linear feet of new 24-inch diameter potable water pipeline along the Rice Road right-of-way underneath Salt Creek and convert approximately 700 linear feet of existing 12-inch and 18-inch potable water pipeline to a recycled water line parallel to the new potable water pipeline along the Rice Road right-of-way underneath Salt Creek.
2. Component 2: Demolish and remove approximately 20 feet of 8-inch pipeline and above-ground assemblies at the intersection of Olive Avenue and Beeler Road.

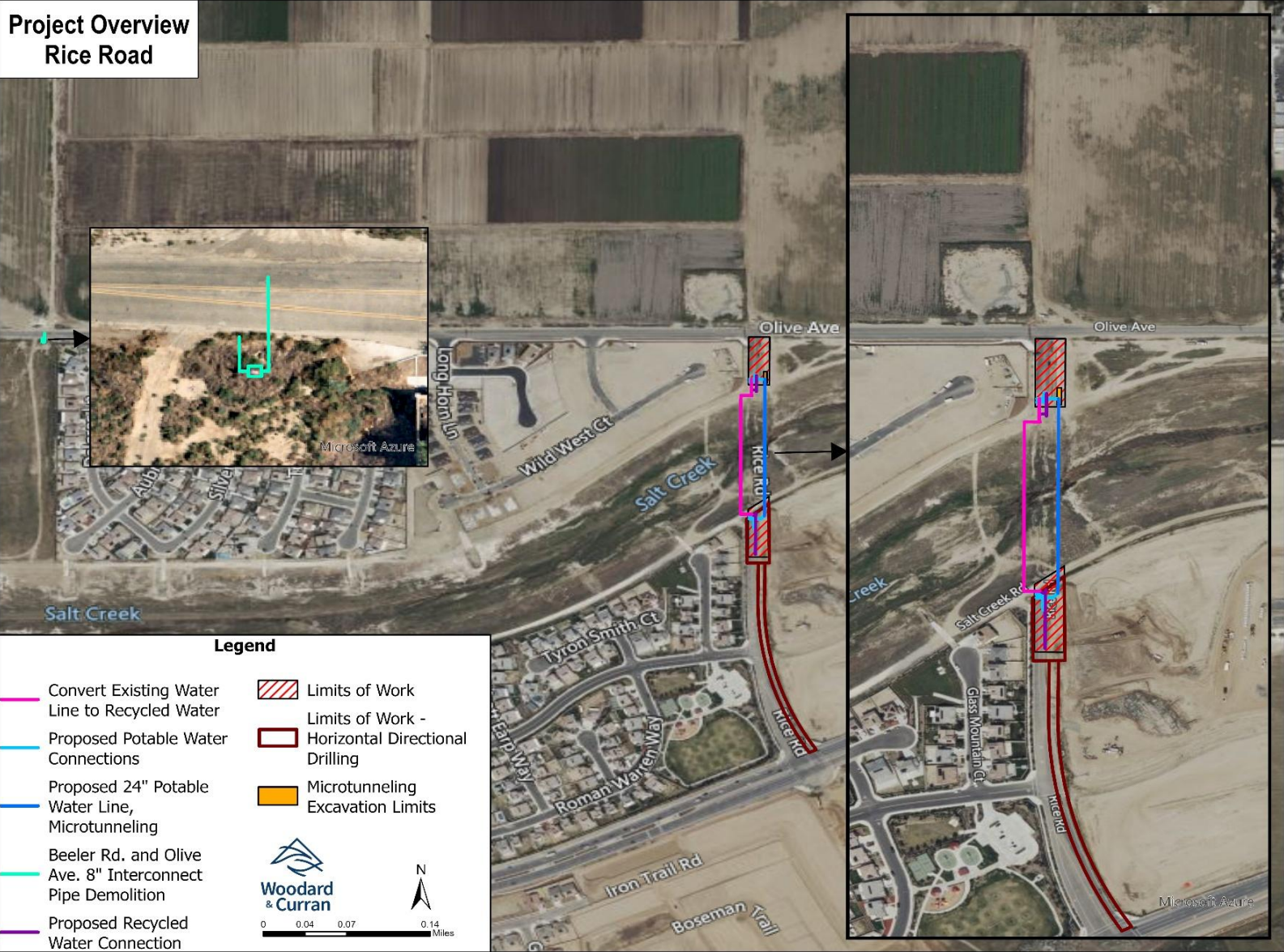
None of the proposed Project areas are proposed within a site that is included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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 October 31, 2025. Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by December 1, 2025. 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 December 1, 2025 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 Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above), online at <https://www.emwd.org/public-notices>, and at the Menifee Library, 28798 La Piedra Road, Menifee CA 92584.

**Project Overview
Rice Road**



Legend

- Convert Existing Water Line to Recycled Water
- Proposed Potable Water Connections
- Proposed 24" Potable Water Line, Microtunneling
- Beeler Rd. and Olive Ave. 8" Interconnect Pipe Demolition
- Proposed Recycled Water Connection
- Limits of Work
- Limits of Work - Horizontal Directional Drilling
- Microtunneling Excavation Limits

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