Eastern Municipal Water District
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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cawston Lift Station Replacement Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes the Cawston Lift Station Replacement Project (Project) to decommission and remove the existing Cawston Lift Station (LS) (located on the east side of Cawston Avenue approximately 515 feet north of the proposed Cawston LS location) and construct a replacement LS on the northwest corner of the intersection of Cawston Avenue and Stetson Avenue. The proposed LS would include a wet well, three bypass manholes, an equipment building, a radio tower, liquid and vapor phase odor controls, a generator, fuel tank and separate SCE enclosure. The Project would provide connections for future vapor phase odor controls. The entire proposed LS site would be paved. Pipeline improvements within Cawston Avenue right-of-way include the extension of a 20-inch force main connection from the location of the existing LS site to the proposed LS site and the extensions of a 21-inch gravity sewer main to convey flows from the existing sewer manhole from the existing LS site to the proposed LS site.

The Project site includes the existing LS site, proposed Cawston LS replacement site, and roadway right-of-way. The existing LS is located east of the intersection of North Cawston Avenue and Walden Weaver Road. The proposed LS would be located on an approximately 1.2-acre (approximately 51,570 square feet) parcel of vacant land with Assessor's Parcel Number 456-020-012, on the west side of Cawston Avenue and north of Stetson Avenue. Surrounding City of Hemet General Plan land uses designations adjacent to the Project site include, Industrial (I) to the west, Mixed-Use (MU) to the north and east, and Community Commercial (CC) to the south.

The Project site nor any adjacent site within one mile of the Project are included 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 February 10, 2026. Comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by March 12, 2026. Please submit email comments to vilchism@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Email or written comments received by March 12, 2026, 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-notice. A copy of the document will be made available for review at the Hemet Public Library at 300 E Latham Ave, Hemet, CA 92543.