

Eastern Municipal Water District

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Notice of Exemption

To: Riverside County Clerk
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: Well 56 and 57 PFAS Pilot Study
Project Location: Corner between Indian Avenue and Nance Street
City: Perris
County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Wells 56 and 57 are two Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) wells that are currently out of service due to elevated levels of PFAS, also known as forever chemicals. Well 59 is another EMWD well that has been removed from service. However, it has been undergoing granular active carbon (GAC) treatment since 2021 in efforts of testing the efficiency of GAC for removing PFAS. The proposed project would consist of pilot testing at Well 59 to evaluate side-by-side comparison of GAC and ion exchange (IX) resin media performance. The media change out frequency would also be evaluated, as it would impact operation and maintenance costs. Well 59 was selected as the project site because it has similar water quality to Well 56 and 57, has a continuous stream, and results will inform the design process for treatment of PFAS at all three wells. Beneficiaries of the project are EMWD ratepayers.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Eastern Municipal Water District

Exempt Status:

☒ Statutory. 15262

Reasons why project is exempt:

This class of exemption covers feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which EMWD has not approved, adopted, or funded but require the consideration of environmental factors. The proposed project is intended to inform process design and assess different types of treatment media for the removal of PFAS from water extracted from wells.

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