

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Alessandro Ponds Optimization Phase II Project
SCH# 2026091193
Riverside County

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration report for the Alessandro Ponds Optimization Phase II Project, submitted by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), which describes a proposed project to increase the water storage capacity of the Alessandro Ponds recycled water facility from 172 acre-feet to 369 acre-feet. The three ponds' capacity will be increased by excavating the bottom of the ponds and raising the perimeter berms.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003 of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regard to the proposed construction work. EMWD needs to submit design drawings for the proposed storage reservoir so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

If the proposed work is subject to State jurisdiction, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Ian Maki, DSOD's Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7795.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Brian Sawyer at (916) 565-7829 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Cruz".

Brandon Cruz, P.E.
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