

Eastern Municipal Water District

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Alessandro Ponds Optimization Phase II Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the proposed Alessandro Ponds Optimization Phase II Project (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). EMWD intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project.

The Project is located partially in the City of San Jacinto and partially in unincorporated Riverside County (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APNs] 433070018, 433070019, 433070020, 433070021, and 433070031). The Project Site can be accessed from Olmstead Avenue, a dirt road north of West Ramona Expressway. The Project would not be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The Project would increase the water storage capacity of the Alessandro Ponds recycled water facility from 172 acre-feet to 369 acre-feet. Three ponds would be expanded via soil excavation and raising of the berms surrounding each pond. The bottoms of the ponds would be excavated between one and nine feet deeper, and the height of the berms would be raised approximately three to five feet using soil excavated from the ponds. The berms would also be stabilized with the addition of soil-cement laid on the pond-facing slopes. Approximately 120,400 cubic yards of soils would be exported off-site during construction.

EMWD is soliciting comments from the public regarding the content of the IS. The IS/MND will be used by the EMWD Board of Directors when considering approval of the proposed Project at a future public hearing following public notification of the hearing on EMWD's website. Regularly scheduled meetings take place at EMWD's headquarters on the first and third Wednesday of each month. In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, EMWD has established a 30-day review period for the IS from September 30, 2026 to October 30, 2026. Written comments on the IS should be sent to Martha Vilchis at the mailing and/or email address shown below by **5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026**. A contact name and return address should be included with your comments.

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The IS/MND and associated documents are available electronically at: <https://www.emwd.org/public-notice>. The IS/MND are available for review at EMWD's headquarters lobby (2270 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92570) and at the San Jacinto Public Library (595 S San Jacinto Ave., San Jacinto, CA 92583).



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Aerial Overview