

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for the Reduced High Zone Hydraulic Improvements Project**

**This serves as the El Toro Water District's (District) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Reduced High Zone Hydraulic Improvements Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.**

*Name of Project:* Reduced High Zone Hydraulic Improvements Project

*Project Location:* The proposed Reduced High Zone Hydraulic Improvements Project (herein referenced as the "Project") is located within the northern portion of the City of Aliso Viejo and the southeastern portion of the City of Laguna Woods, within Orange County, California. The Project improvements are generally situated along Moulton Parkway, to the north of Glenwood Drive, and are immediately bounded by institutional uses to the north, recreational and residential uses to the west, and residential uses to the south and east.

*Lead Agency:* El Toro Water District, 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California 92630

*Project*

*Description:* The proposed Project is intended to upgrade the El Toro Water District water distribution infrastructure in order to improve fire flow within the Reduced High Zone to meet existing Orange County Fire Authority standards for fire protection. The Project consists of two water conveyance pipeline alignments (and associated ancillary facilities). The northerly pipeline alignment would generally extend from Moulton Parkway in a south/southwesterly direction to a point near the intersection of Via Iglesia and Via San Rafael. This pipeline would consist of three distinct segments, with a total length of approximately 1,220 linear feet. The southerly pipeline alignment would generally extend from the California Renaissance condominium community, easterly along an equestrian trail, and would terminate at The Wellington Vintage Senior Living community. The majority of proposed improvements would be situated entirely underground. Minor ancillary facilities would be constructed either at-grade or above-grade.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the El Toro Water District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited Project. Such Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the Project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the El Toro Water District. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for review at the District's administrative office (located at 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California 92630) and on the District's website at <http://www.etwd.com/>. For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration contact:

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**Public Review Period:** Begins: August 24, 2009

Ends: September 23, 2009

**Public Hearing:** Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled to take place on **October 22, 2009 at 7:30 AM** at the District's administrative office located at 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California 92630.

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the El Toro Water District no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2009**, in order to be considered prior to the District's final determination on the Project. Should you decide to challenge this Project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Mr. Dennis Cafferty, P.E., El Toro Water District, 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California 92630.

Signature:   
Dennis Cafferty, P.E.  
Director of Operations and Engineering  
El Toro Water District

Date: August 24, 2009