

# **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**PROJECT TITLE:** El Carro Well Replacement and Central Zone Improvements Project

**PROJECT PROPONENT/LEAD AGENCY:**

Carpinteria Valley Water District  
1301 Santa Ynez Avenue  
Carpinteria, California 93013

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The El Carro Well replacement site is located within the existing well site at El Carro Park located between Foothill Road and El Carro Lane in the City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County California. The assessor's parcel number is 004-005-004. Segment 1 of the project pipeline component is located within El Carro Park and extends from the well site to El Carro Lane through the park and along a driveway on the southwest corner of the park boundary. Segment 2 of the pipeline extends along El Carro Lane to Linden Avenue. Segment 3 of the pipeline extends along a property line at Franklin Creek Park and up Sterling Avenue. Segment 4 of the pipeline extends along El Carro Lane between Santa Ynez Avenue and Santa Monica Creek. Segment 5 of the pipeline extends adjacent to Santa Monica Creek, along Via Real, crosses U.S. Highway 101 from Via Real at the Santa Monica exit, and extends south down Plum Street to Carpinteria Avenue. All pipeline segments are in the City of Carpinteria.

The project site is not identified on any hazardous sites lists enumerated under §65962.5 of the Government Code.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Carpinteria Valley Water District is proposing the development and operation of a water well and associated filtration system. The well would replace a previously existing well located about 120 feet from the proposed well which failed in 2004 due to sanding-in. One new segment and four replacement segments of pipeline would also be constructed as part of the project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND COMMENT:**

CVWD has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations §15070. The MND documents the District's finding that there are no significantly adverse unavoidable impacts associated with the proposed project, and the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The MND and Initial Study (IS) identify and discuss potential impacts, mitigation measures and residual impacts for identified subject areas.


Public agencies and interested members of the public may review and comment on the draft MND/IS between April 17, 2008 and June 4, 2008. **Written comments must be submitted to the address below, by no later than 5:00 PM on June 3, 2008.** A copy of the draft MND/IS is attached for public agencies and persons previously requesting a copy. Copies of draft MND/IS and all documents referenced therein, may be obtained or reviewed at the Carpinteria Valley Water District's office located at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, California 93013 and on the District's web site <http://www.cvwd.net/>.

The purpose of this notification and review procedure is to gather public comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Initial Study/draft MND. Please limit comments to environmental issues only. If you challenge this environmental document in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a scheduled public hearing, described below or through written correspondence delivered to the District.

The District Board of Directors (Board) is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration at its 4:00 pm meeting on June 4, 2008. The meeting date is subject to change. The proposed MND/IS along with any comments will be considered by the Board in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The MND will become final if adopted by the Board.

**For More Information and to Submit Written Comments, Please Contact:**

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