

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EL CARRO PARK MONITORING WELLS PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) proposes to construct and operate three new groundwater monitoring wells to provide groundwater elevation and water quality data from three different water-bearing zones of the western portion of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed monitoring wells would be located in El Carro Park within the City of Carpinteria, approximately 0.4 miles northeast of the U.S. Highway 101/Linden Avenue interchange.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The CVWD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the CVWD prior to the close of the public comment period. Comments should be provided to the General Manager, Bob McDonald at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, (805) 684-2816, bob@cvwd.net prior to the close of the public comment period on **January 26th, 2022** at 5:00 p.m.

PROJECT DETAILS: The three wells would be located about 30 feet apart near the western boundary of El Carro Park. The wells would be completed with a 3-inch diameter well casing, bentonite or cement annular seal, gravel pack within the annulus (area between the borehole and casing) and 3-inch diameter well screen. The tops of the wells would be covered by watertight, locking manholes, approximately 12-inches in diameter, constructed flush with the ground surface. No above-ground structures are proposed. Once constructed, the monitoring wells would be used to monitor the water levels and water quality in the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The CVWD has prepared a Draft MND pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft MND may be reviewed by visiting the CVWD's website <u>www.cvwd.net</u> or a hard copy can be reviewed at the District Offices at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave or Carpinteria Branch Library at 5141 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA.