

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION 3303

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF RIVERSIDE
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO
WELL 7 PROJECT AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21166 AND CEQA
GUIDELINES SECTION 15162 AND ADOPTING ADDENDUM
TO SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVATION AND CONJUNCTIVE
USE PROGRAM JOINT PROJECTS FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2016101079)**

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, as the Lead Agency for CEQA, issued and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Project (SARCCUP) Joint Projects (State Clearing House No. 2016101079), and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Western Municipal Water District (District) in Resolution 3062 adopted the 2019 Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Project Joint Projects FEIR as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, and

WHEREAS, the SARCCUP joint projects included the Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project, and

WHEREAS, the District desired to implement the Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project to improve water supply reliability and resiliency, and

WHEREAS, District Resolution 3062 stated the District's approval and intent to implement the Riverside-Arlington Basin Groundwater Productions Wells and Pipeline project (known as Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project in the FEIR), and

WHEREAS, the FEIR provided an assessment of impact for facilities and activities associated with implementing the Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project, and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project is made up of two well projects (Well 7 and Well AD-7), and

WHEREAS, Well 7 consists of a well, pump station, and pipeline, and

WHEREAS, as lead agency under CEQA for purposes of Well 7, the Board of Directors will be considering certain amendments to the location of the Well 7 project (see attached Figure 1), and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that Well 7 be moved to a new location not considered in the FEIR (from 8280 Magnolia Avenue to 7200 Magnolia Avenue, a distance of approximately 1.4 miles) (see attached Figure 2), and the pipeline alignment will change - running along Magnolia Avenue and Hoover Street - and it will decrease in length from approximately 4 miles to 0.48 miles, as shown on Figure 2;

WHEREAS, the site of the well/pump station is on an unused corner of a parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of land for the new location of the well/pump station is supported by the property owner, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA, when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which an EIR has been certified, the lead agency is required to review any changed circumstances to determine whether any of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 require additional environmental review, and

WHEREAS, the District has evaluated the proposed minor changes in light of the standards for subsequent environmental review outlined in Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, and concluded that the proposed

changes would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects that were previously disclosed in the FEIR, and that none of the other conditions in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 have occurred and therefore no subsequent or supplemental EIR is required, and

WHEREAS, Well 7 as modified is within the scope of the FEIR and is both consistent with and in furtherance of the purposes of the SARCCUP joint projects;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would nonetheless necessitate minor changes or additions to the FEIR and thus, the District has prepared an Addendum to the FEIR pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15164, and

WHEREAS, State CEQA Guidelines, section 15164, subdivision (c) does not require the Addendum to be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to a final EIR or adopted negative declaration, and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions made by the Board of Directors in this Resolution are based on the oral and written evidence presented as well as the entirety of the administrative record for the project, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference as an operative portion of this Resolution.

Section 2. State CEQA Guidelines section 15164 requires lead agencies to prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions to the project are necessary, but none of the conditions requiring preparation of a subsequent EIR are present. The Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the administrative record, including but not limited to the Addendum, and the Environmental Checklist prepared to support the Addendum, which are all incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein, and finds that those documents taken together contain a complete and accurate reporting of all the environmental impacts associated with the modified Well 7 project. The Board of Directors further finds that the Addendum and Environmental Checklist have been completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the District's Local Guidelines. The Board of Directors finds and determines that the Addendum and Environmental Checklist reflects the District's independent judgment.

Section 3. In this case, when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which an EIR has been certified, the District is required to review any changed circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 to determine whether additional environmental review is required. Based on the substantial evidence set forth in the administrative record, including but not limited to the FEIR, the Addendum, and the Environmental Checklist, the Board of Directors finds that none of the conditions under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring subsequent environmental review have occurred because the modified Well 7 project:

- a) does not constitute substantial changes that would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the

involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects; and

b) does not constitute substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the modified project will be undertaken that would require major revisions of the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

c) does not present new information or substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the FEIR was certified, showing any of the following:

(i) that the modified project would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the earlier environmental documentation;

(ii) that significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the earlier environmental documentation;

(iii) that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the District declined to adopt such measures; or

(iv) that mitigation measures or alternatives considerably different from those previously analyzed would substantially reduce one or more significant

effects on the environment, but which the District declined to adopt.

Section 4. The Board of Directors approves and adopts the Addendum prepared for the modified Well 7 project and confirms that all the mitigation measures previously imposed as part of the FEIR remain fully applicable to the modified Well 7 project.

Section 5. The Board of Directors authorizes and directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Riverside County Clerk's Office and with the State Clearinghouse, Governor's Office of Planning and Research within (5) five working days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Section 6. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are located on the District's website.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of September 2024.

MIKE GARDNER

President

January __, 2024

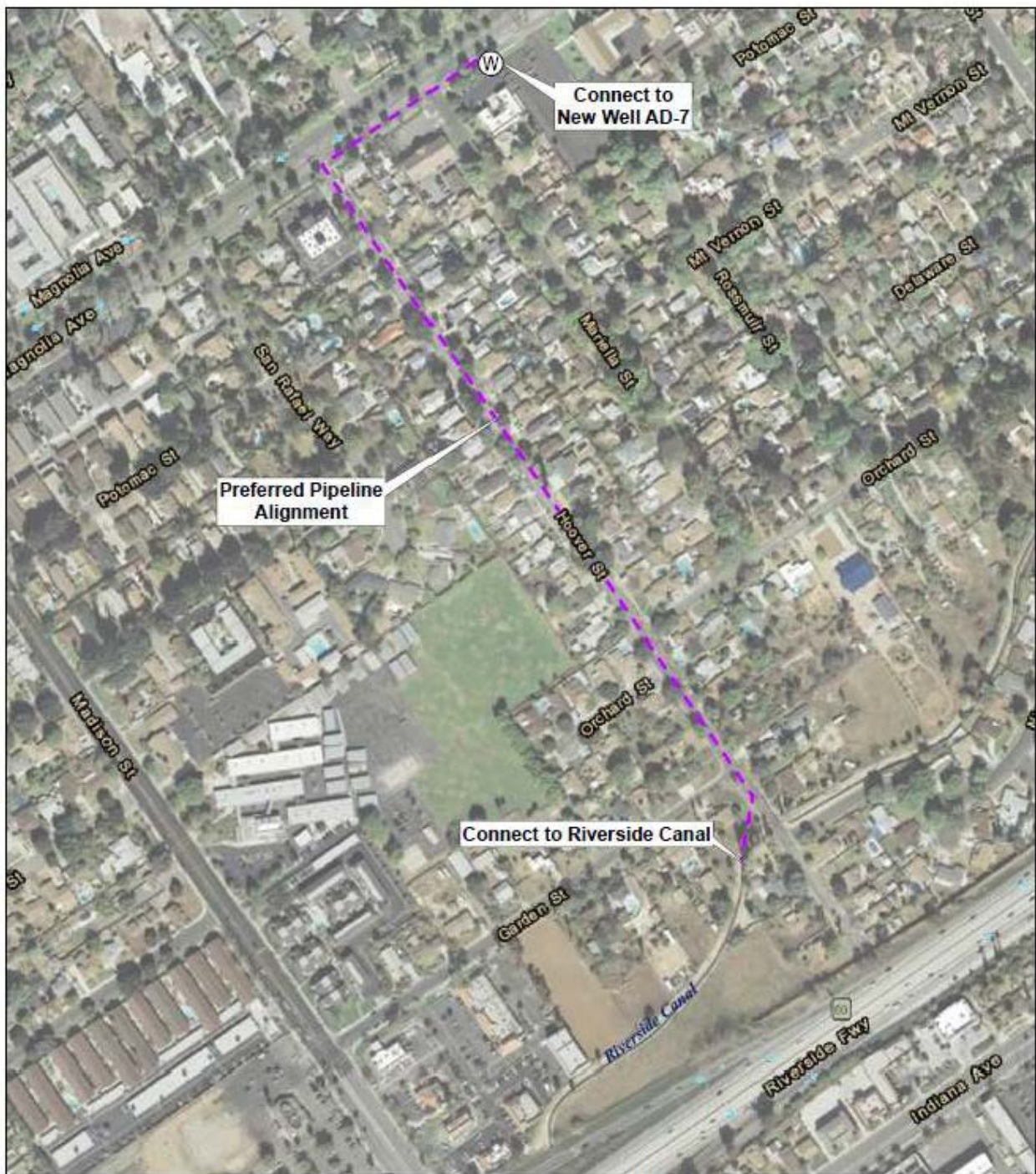
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 3303 adopted by the Board of Directors of Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County at its regular meeting held September 18, 2024.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Figure 1

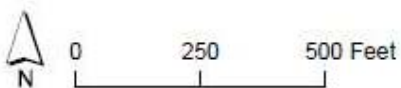
Figure 2



WMWD Well 7 Equipping and Pipeline Project

Figure 2

Detail – Preferred Well Location and Pipeline Alignment



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