



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Environmental Planning Section
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Meeting for the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program (SCH No. 2022120175)

Review Period: September 18, 2023 to November 2, 2023

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program (proposed Program) (SCH No. 2022120175). The Notice of Availability (NOA) is being sent to responsible, trustee, and other public agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, as part of the review process required under CEQA (Sections 21091 and 21092 of the Public Resources Code).

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Program is located at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant (Weymouth Plant) at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California. The Weymouth Plant is approximately 135 acres. It is generally bordered by Wheeler Avenue on the east, Moreno and Sedalia avenues on the west, Foothill Boulevard to the north, and Highland Drive and 5th Street to the south. Neighboring communities include the cities of Pomona and San Dimas. A portion of one improvement project (Water Treatment Chemical Delivery Railroad Tracks Replacement) is located outside of the Weymouth Plant, generally paralleling Wheeler Avenue heading southwards and ending at Arrow Highway. Refer to the attached Figure 1 for the project location. The proposed Program is not located on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (hazardous waste).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Program consists of four improvement projects and two new construction projects at the Weymouth Plant. The improvement projects include the Water Quality Laboratory Building Improvements, Administration and Control Buildings Seismic Upgrade and Building Improvements, Water Treatment Chemical Delivery Railroad Tracks Replacement, and Basin Nos. 1 and 2 Rehabilitation. The new construction projects include the New La Verne Warehouse Facilities and the New Field Engineering Building. Project construction activities would occur between 2024 and 2029. Operations and maintenance activities at the Weymouth Plant would remain generally the same as existing conditions once construction activities are completed, with the exception of five to ten additional employees at the site.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft PEIR includes an analysis of Program impacts to Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal

Cultural Resources, as well as feasible mitigation measures and a reasonable range of alternatives to avoid or reduce potentially significant impacts, if any. The Draft PEIR identifies potentially significant impacts (i.e., Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Transportation) with proposed mitigation measures. Implementation of proposed mitigation measures was determined in the Draft PEIR to reduce proposed Program effects to less-than-significant levels, except for construction noise impacts, which would remain significant and unavoidable. Impacts related to Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Tribal Cultural Resources were found to be less than significant. For all other environmental resource areas where it is determined that the proposed Program would result in a less than significant impact, the analysis is presented in the Initial Study included as Appendix A to the Draft PEIR (i.e., Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire).

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD:

Per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code, Metropolitan requests written comments on the Draft PEIR be received no later than November 2, 2023 to the mailing address or email address shown below. Comments should include the name, mailing address, telephone number, and/or email address, if available, of a contact person.

To ensure public access to the Draft PEIR, a copy of the Draft PEIR is available online at Metropolitan's website at <https://www.mwdh2o.com/projects-in-your-community/ceqa/> or via the QR code. The public notice and Draft PEIR are also available at Metropolitan headquarters and at the La Verne Library (3640 D Street) and San Dimas Library (145 North Walnut Avenue). Please contact Brenda Marines by email at bmarines@mwdh2o.com to make arrangements for viewing the Draft PEIR at Metropolitan headquarters or for any questions.



Additionally, a public meeting to discuss the topics addressed in the Draft PEIR is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the La Verne City Hall.

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Public Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
La Verne City Hall
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La Verne, California 91750

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Date: 09-07-2023

Figure 1 Project Location



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Fig 1-2 Proposed Projects - Updated