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City of Pasadena  
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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARING HOUSE**

DRAFT CITY OF PASADENA (CITY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), GARFIELD REPLACEMENT WELL PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2021060461

Dear Ms. Sandra Andrade-Hernandez:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board) is responsible for issuing water supply permits administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment (California Code of Regulations, title 22, chapter 16 et.seq).

The proposed Project will drill a 36-inch wide by 950-foot deep replacement water supply well in the City of Pasadena, California, to maintain source capacity. The existing potable well (existing Garfield well) has reached the end of its useful service life and has been removed from service. The new Garfield replacement well will include a submersible pump and be capable of producing 1,500 gallons per minute (gpm) of water. (This is comparable to the previous operational capacity of the existing Garfield well, which produced an average of 1,417 gpm of water before decommissioning.)

The replacement well will be located approximately 100 feet northwest of the existing Garfield well on a newly installed 16-ft<sup>2</sup> concrete pad in Villa Parke, a City park. Existing electrical components will be replaced for the construction and operation of the project. An 8-foot tall, 150 foot<sup>2</sup> chain link fence with an access gate will be constructed around the well for security and safety. The old well building will remain to house the electrical equipment. The new well will pump to the future Sunset complex. The Sunset complex will be built as a separate project in the future to replace the Sunset reservoir with new storage tanks and treatment systems. Prior to this, the water may be used for in-line blending for drinking water or irrigation purposes at the park.

The State Water Board as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comment on the District's draft MND:

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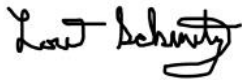
Please clarify if the well will be connected to the existing Sunset reservoir- as it is, prior to the construction and implementation of the Sunset Complex Project or if the well be connected to the storage tank/s only after the replacement storage tanks and new treatment tanks are put into place.

When the review process has ended, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, Los Angeles Metropolitan Office:

- CEQA Documents
  - The draft and final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)
  - The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying and adopting the MND and MMRP and approving the Project;
  - The date stamped Notice of Determination (NOD) filed at the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office or Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, and
  - Any comment letters received and the District's responses, as appropriate.
  
- Permit Supporting Documents
  - A copy of the destruction permit for the replacement of the Garfield Well.
  - A written request for a variance from the required setback for the storm drain manhole.

Please contact Karen Wong at the Los Angeles Metropolitan District Office, at (818) 551-2037 or email at [Karen.Wong@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Karen.Wong@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding water supply permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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