



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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**From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**  
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**Project Name:** Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center, Demonstration Facility Permit

**Project Location - Specific:** The Demonstration Facility for the Regional Recycled Water Program, located at Los Angeles County Sanitation District Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at 24501 South Figueroa Street, Carson, CA 90745

**Project Location - City:** Carson

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Project:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is applying for a permit for the Demonstration Facility for the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center from the Air Quality Management District. The Demonstration Facility is located at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, in the city of Carson. Metropolitan proposes to perform scientific and technical investigative studies and minor alterations to the existing Demonstration Facility required for the permit. The investigative studies would utilize various source water (primary, secondary, tertiary) to evaluate the effectiveness and suitability of various treatment techniques (membrane bioreactor, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet/advanced oxidation processes and treatment trains) to comply with Safe Drinking Water Standards and State and Federal codes.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Exempt Status:** (check as applicable)

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301; Class 6, State CEQA Guidelines §15306
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed project consists of the data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environmental resource. This may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action that a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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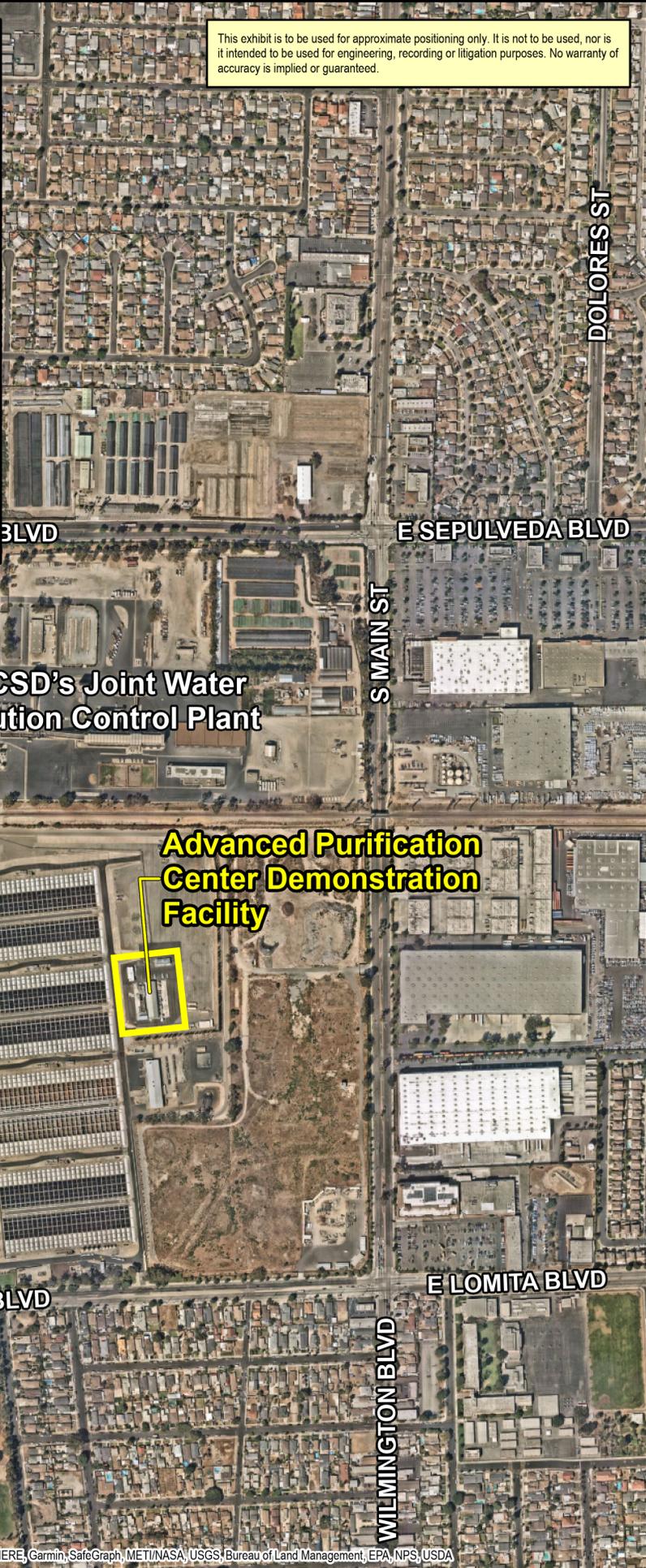
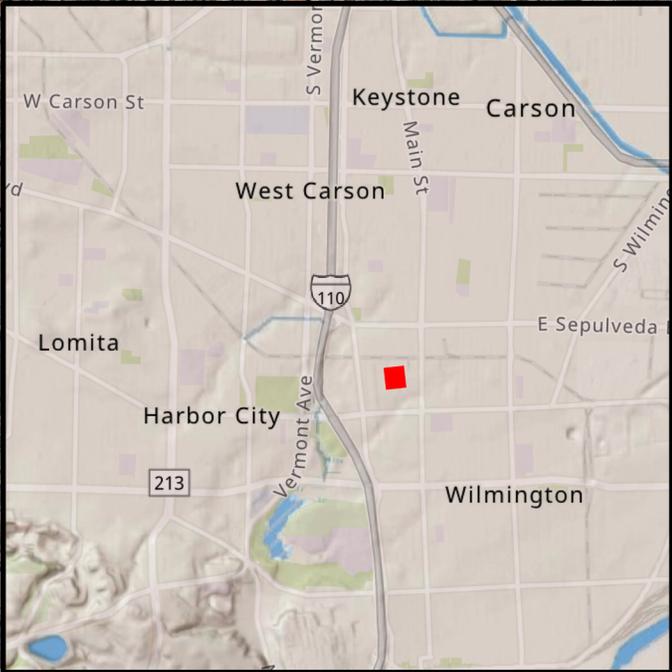
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**LACSD's Joint Water Pollution Control Plant**

**Advanced Purification Center Demonstration Facility**

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