



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: California Office of Planning and Research, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Los Angeles County Clerk, La Verne and San Dimas libraries, Other Interested Parties

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

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

Project: F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program

Review Period: December 8, 2022 to January 23, 2023

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program (proposed Program). The Notice of Preparation (NOP) 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 (Section 21080.4 of the Public Resources Code).

Metropolitan is requesting input from responsible, trustee, and other public agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft PEIR. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project.

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 and generally parallels Wheeler Avenue heading southwards and ending at Arrow Highway. Refer to the attached figure of the project location.

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 environmental impacts of the proposed Program are evaluated in the Initial Study (IS). Effects determined to be “Potentially Significant” will be evaluated further in the Draft PEIR. The Draft PEIR will consider mitigation measures and feasible project alternatives for all potentially significant impacts.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: Per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 and Section 21080.4 of the Public Resources Code, Metropolitan requests written comments to the NOP/IS be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than January 23, 2023. Comments should include the name and mailing address and/or email address of a contact person. All parties who have submitted their names and contact information will be placed on the distribution list to receive the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR. The NOP/IS is available at the La Verne Library (3640 D Street, La Verne, 91750) and San Dimas Library (145 North Walnut Avenue, San Dimas, 91773) and is also accessible on Metropolitan’s website at <https://www.mwdh2o.com/projects-in-your-community/ceqa/> or via the QR code.



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Date: 12-1-2022

Figure 1 Project Location



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Fig 1-2 Proposed Projects - Updated