

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
GARVEY RESERVOIR REHABILITATION PROJECT**



**TO:** California Office of Planning and Research, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Los Angeles County Clerk, Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, 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 Environmental Impact Report

**PROJECT:** Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

**REVIEW PERIOD:** January 17, 2024 to February 16, 2024

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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project (proposed Project). 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 EIR. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project site is an approximately 142-acre property located at 1061 South Orange Avenue in Monterey Park, California (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 5260-013-910 and 5260-013-905). The Project site is owned by Metropolitan and is developed with the Garvey Reservoir in the central portion of the site along with appurtenant structures and features, including an Administration Building and Water Quality Laboratory, standby generator, sodium hypochlorite tank farm, and junction structure located in the paved yard on the eastern-central portion of the Project site; a surge tank located

immediately south of the reservoir; a construction trailer and paved parking area immediately south of the reservoir; an unpaved construction staging area located immediately northwest of the reservoir; a communications tower and paved parking lot southeast of the reservoir; and paved roadways, power lines, mature trees, site drainage, and landscaping throughout the Project site. The Project site is secured by chain-link perimeter fencing. Figure 1 depicts the project location.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Project involves various upgrades, replacements, and improvements to Metropolitan facilities located at Garvey Reservoir, including but not limited to, replacement of the reservoir floating cover and liner, rehabilitation of the inlet/outlet tower, replacement of five valves in the junction structure, upgrades and redesign of the facility electrical system, replacement of the existing standby generator, improvements to the telemetry equipment associated with the surge tank, re-configuration of and upgrades to the Administration Building and Water Quality Control Laboratory, construction of a new pump station facility, and various site upgrades such as upgrading the ammonia feed system, re-pavement or repair of existing internal roadways, replacement of fencing, installation of stormwater control improvements, landscaping removal and/or replacement, and upgrades to security features. Project construction activities would take approximately three years to complete. Operations and maintenance activities at the Garvey Reservoir, including the frequency of staff visits, monthly testing of the standby generator, electricity usage, and water usage in the Administration Building and Water Quality Laboratory, would remain similar to existing conditions once construction activities are completed.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The environmental impacts of the proposed Project are evaluated in the Initial Study (IS). Effects determined to be “Potentially Significant” will be evaluated further in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR 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 February 16, 2024. 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 and Initial Study are available via QR code or Metropolitan’s website at: <https://www.mwdh2o.com/ceqa>.

Online Comment Portal: [EP@mwdh2o.com](mailto:EP@mwdh2o.com) (reference “Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project” in the subject line)

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**Figure 1 Project Location**



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Fig 2-3 Existing Site Facilities