

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND TO BEGIN
THE 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

To: County of Los Angeles and Office of Planning & Research
County Clerk-Recorder State Clearinghouse
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Public Review Period: December 20, 2024- January 20, 2025

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Well No. 1 Improvements Project

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Project Location: The proposed project site is located in the northeastern portion of the City of Bell Gardens and is located along the north side of Florence Place, east of Perry Road, and west of Emil Avenue. Proposed improvements would augment the existing Well. No 1 facility.

Project Description: The City of Bell Gardens proposes to construct a 30-foot high, 90-foot diameter, 1.2- million gallon (MG) steel tank water reservoir, booster pump station, 2,100 square foot (sf) per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Treatment Plant, Pretreatment Cartridge Filters Facility and three water pipelines connecting the existing Well No. 1 Facility with all facilities mentioned above and PFAS Treatment Plant on approximately 1.21 acres. The water tank will be installed to the immediate east of the existing Well No. 1 Facility and it will be designed with a new booster pump station conveying water from 250 to 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to deliver filtered and treated groundwater to the distribution system. The pipelines will convey water as follows:

- One 12" pipeline will convey raw water from Well # 1 to the Pretreatment Cartridge Filters, and from the Pretreatment Cartridge Filters to the PFAS Treatment Plant
- One 12" pipeline will convey the Ion Exchange effluent water from the PFAS Treatment Plant to the Steel Tank Water Reservoir.
- One 8" pipeline will convey the Ion Exchange Rinse water to waste from the PFAS Treatment Plant to the storm drain box next to Well # 1 Building.

The three pipelines will be constructed within the existing alley on the northern boundary of the proposed project site. The PFAS Treatment Plant will be constructed adjacent to and immediately east of the Bell Gardens Skate Park. The PFAS Treatment Plant will remove the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the well water. Both the Well No. 1 Pretreatment Facility and the PFAS Treatment Plant will each be surrounded by a 10-foot high block wall with gated driveway accesses from the alley and Florence Place for maintenance personnel. The reservoir will provide for the dual benefit of emergency storage (during well outage or emergency fire flow exceeding well pumping capacity) and daily equalization storage.

Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment with implementation of mitigation measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate the potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural

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resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, traffic, and tribal cultural resources to less than significant impact. Additionally, the project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Document Availability: Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are on file and available for public review at the Bell Gardens Public Works Department during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A digital copy of the document is also located at <http://www.bellgardens.org/government/city-department/public-works>.

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Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the City's intent to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20th, 2025. Written comments may be sent to: Bernardo Iniguez, Public Works Director, City of Bell Gardens, 8327 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201, (562) 806-7770, or via email to Biniguez@bellgardens.org. We will need the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person if comments are submitted. Any comments you have must be submitted in writing no later than the close of the comment period.

Public Hearing: The public hearing to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration is being determined by the City Council. Approval of entitlements for the proposed project is a discretionary decision that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).