



REVISED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

To: Agencies and Interested Parties
From: City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Date: April 21, 2016
Subject: **Clean Water Factory Project** Announcement of:
1) **Notice of Availability** of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
2) **Public Comment Meeting** to be held on May 3, 2016; and
3) **Draft EIR** comments due by June 8, 2016.

1.0 Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Clean Water Factory (CWF) Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2014111012). The EIR has been prepared pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within the City of San Bernardino, approximately 60 miles east of the City of Los Angeles in the upper Santa Ana Valley Watershed, within San Bernardino County. The proposed facilities would be constructed within the SBMWD service area and would lie above the San Bernardino Basin Area or, more specifically, the Bunker Hill Basin. The Project area includes SBMWD's existing San Bernardino Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP), located just north of the confluence of the East Twin Creeks and the Santa Ana River, at 399 Chandler Place in the City of San Bernardino. The Project area includes the alignments of proposed conveyance facilities which would extend from the SBWRP, along existing street and/or flood control channel rights-of-way (ROWs) within the City, to the Waterman Basins and East Twin Creek Spreading Grounds at the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. The Project also includes various improvements at the existing Rapid Infiltration and Extraction (RIX) Facility, including an option to convey recycled water from RIX westerly to the Chino Basin.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SBMWD is proposing the Project to reduce its dependence on imported water and establish a reliable, sustainable source of clean water. The Project would reduce secondary effluent conveyed from the San Bernardino Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP) to the Rapid Infiltration and Extraction (RIX) Facility to convey advanced treated recycled water to direct use customers and existing recharge basins. This would be accomplished through a series of conveyance facilities. Up to 22 MGD of treated effluent would be conveyed to the Waterman Basins and East Twin Creek Spreading Grounds. Recycled water spread at these facilities will artificially recharge the Bunker Hill Basin. The Project would also treat a side stream of SBWRP effluent to a quality approved for direct reuse, and convey the tertiary treated recycled water to customers that can benefit from a non-potable water supply, and would also involve various improvements at the RIX facility and a future connection of the RIX facility to the Chino Basin and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency's non-potable system. The Project's use of treated wastewater for direct reuse and recharge would result in a reduction in the volume of treated effluent that is presently discharged to the Santa Ana River.



**Clean Water Factory Project
Notice of Availability of Draft EIR/Public Comment Meeting**

The Project requires certification of the EIR as well as various permits or approvals from the State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation), Project Partner Agreements, and Encroachment Permits from the San Bernardino Flood Control District.

DRAFT EIR AVAILABILITY

The Draft EIR is available for review as follows:

San Bernardino Municipal Water Department website at www.sbcity.org/water/default.asp.

City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department 399 Chandler Place San Bernardino, California 92408 (909) 384-3141	Hours: Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday
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Norman F. Feldheym Central Library 555 West 6th Street San Bernardino, CA 92410 (909) 381-8201	Hours: Monday through Thursday 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm Closed Friday and Sunday
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SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the Draft EIR, the Project would result in project-level, and cumulative air quality impacts that would be significant, even after implementation of feasible mitigation:

- Regional construction-related emissions would exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) daily emissions thresholds for nitrogen oxides (NOX).
- Localized construction related emissions would exceed SCAQMD localized thresholds for particulate matter smaller than 10 and 2.5 microns (PM10 and PM2.5).
- Cumulative short-term, construction-related emissions would exceed SCAQMD thresholds for NOX.

CORTESE LIST: Two active hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (“Cortese list”) are within the Project vicinity. The EIR provides further discussion of this subject.



2.0 Public Comment Meeting

SBMWD will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. The meeting is scheduled as follows:

May 3, 2016

4:00 p.m. to no later than 7:00 p.m.
NORTON REGIONAL EVENT CENTER
1601 E. Third Street
San Bernardino, CA 92408
(909) 382-4100

The meeting will include a brief presentation regarding the proposed Project, followed by the opportunity for the public to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

If special assistance is required to participate in the meeting, please contact us as far in advance as possible to enable SBMWD to secure the needed services (contact information is provided below). If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 916-989-7285.

3.0 Comments

The Draft EIR is being circulated for a public comment period ending on June 8, 2016. Written comments on the Draft EIR can be provided at the public comment meeting, or written comments may be provided directly to SBMWD. Comments must be **received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2016**. Comments provided by e-mail should include the name and address of the sender. Please send all written and/or e-mail comments to one of the following:

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Director of Water Reclamation
City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
399 Chandler Place
San Bernardino, CA 92408
909-384-5502
John.Claus@sbmwd.org

Please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, SBMWD cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

All comments received during the public comment period that raise significant environmental issues will be considered and responded to in writing before certification of the Final EIR. Written comments will be included as part of the public record. A hearing will be held for the certification of the EIR by the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department after the completion of the Final EIR.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Project, Draft EIR, or public review process may be directed to John Claus at (909) 384-5502.