



FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: February 24, 2017
To: Agencies and Interested Parties
From: City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Subject: Clean Water Factory Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2014111012)
Final Environmental Impact Report including Response to Comments

The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is providing this notice that it has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Clean Water Factory (CWF) Project.

As required by CEQA, the Draft EIR for the proposed Project was prepared and circulated during a 45-day plus public review period that began on April 14, 2016, was updated on April 21, and concluded on June 8, 2016. Pursuant to Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Final EIR includes a list of all persons, organizations, and public agencies that commented on the Draft EIR; comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR; written responses to each comment provided on the Draft EIR; and corrections and additions, as appropriate to the Draft EIR. In addition, this notice satisfies CEQA Guideline Section 15088 requirements for the provision of written response to a public agency on comments made by that public agency at least 10 days prior to certifying an environmental impact report.

FINAL EIR

The Final EIR is available for review during regular business hours at the Margaret H. Chandler Water Reclamation Plant, located at 399 Chandler Place, San Bernardino, CA 92408 and on the SBMWD's website: www.sbcity.org/water/default.asp. To request a CD of the Final EIR, please contact John A. Claus, Director of Water Reclamation, during regular business hours. Should you have any special accommodation requests due to a disability, please contact Mr. Claus as soon as possible but no later than March 3:

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PUBLIC HEARING

The SBMWD Board of Water Commissioners will consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Clean Water Factory Project during their normally scheduled public meeting as follows:

Tuesday, March 7 at 9:30 AM
City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
399 Chandler Place
San Bernardino, CA 92408



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.