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California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Availability & Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact

Notice is hereby given that the City of El Monte Planning Division has completed an Initial Study of the proposed Conditional Use Permit No. 04-11 which would establish two adjacent groundwater treatment facilities located on APN# 8577-006-014, northwest of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way where it crosses Arden Drive ("Project"). The proposed facility would consist of the redevelopment of a former vacant railroad spur to include the two groundwater treatment facilities and an access driveway for operation and maintenance. The other components to the Project include the installation of groundwater extraction wells, groundwater injection wells, and conveyance pipelines. The groundwater treatment facilities will treat groundwater pumped from eight extraction wells located in El Monte and Rosemead which will be conveyed to the treatment facilities by an underground network of pipelines. Three of the extraction wells will be located in Rosemead and will pump water from the deep zone drinking water aquifer for treatment and delivery to the City of El Monte drinking water supply. The other 5 extraction wells will be located in the City of El Monte and will pump water from the shallow zone aquifer for treatment and re-injection back into the shallow zone aquifer. Construction and operation of the treatment facilities are required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site, El Monte Operable Unit groundwater cleanup project. The request is made pursuant to Chapter 17.24.040(36) of the El Monte Municipal Code.

The Project as set forth in the Initial Study will operate within the City of El Monte and the City of Rosemead. El Monte will operate portions of the Interim Remedy for the Southern Deep Zone, and has opted to be lead agency for the Project elements situated or occurring primarily within its city limits. Because the City of Rosemead has no Project involvement, the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (Authority) has opted to be lead agency for the Project elements situated or occurring primarily within Rosemead city limits. The Initial Study was completed in accordance with the City's and Authority's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed code amendment may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, City and Authority Staff have concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and have therefore prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration per Public Resources Code 21064.5.

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The Project site (is is not not applicable) on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. Copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review from December 28, 2011 to January 31, 2012, at the following two locations:

City of El Monte
Planning Division
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA 91731

Or

San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
1720 W. Cameron Avenue, Suite 100
West Covina, CA 91790

They are also available for downloading at the following web links:

www.wqa.com/Uploads/InitialStudy

and

<http://www.elmonteca.gov/Government/EconomicDevelopment/Planning/EnvironmentalReview.aspx>

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments in writing. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on January 31, 2012 at one of the following two locations:

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1720 W. Cameron Ave, Suite 100
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Or

A joint public hearing between the City of El Monte Planning Commission and the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board of Directors to consider this project has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 7:00 PM. At this public hearing, both will consider the Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration. If the City of El Monte Planning Commission and the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board of Directors find that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, they may approve the project and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The meeting will be held at the following location:

City of El Monte
City Council Chambers, City Hall East
11333 Valley Boulevard
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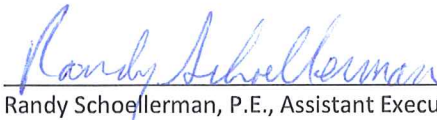


December 22, 2011

Minh Thai, Assistant Economic Development Director

Date

SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY



December 22, 2011

Randy Schoellerman, P.E., Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer

Date

Los Angeles County Clerk's Office
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