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Notice of Determination Submittal

October 13, 2020

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

OPR: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
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Project Name: **Western San Bernardino County Distribution System Infrastructure
Protection Program Environmental Impact Report, SCH#2014111071**

Filing As: Lead Agency Responsible Agency

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Enclosures: Notice of Determination (NOD): 1 Copy
 Location Map: (1)

Comments: In accordance with Section 21108 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15094 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this NOD is provided for posting by your office.



California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Determination

To: **Office of Planning and Research**
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From: **The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**
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Subject:
Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Western San Bernardino County Distribution System Infrastructure Protection Program

State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency/Applicant Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension
2014111071	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Ms. Michelle Morrison	(213) 217-7906

Project Location (include county): The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan) Western San Bernardino County Operating Region comprises Metropolitan's conveyance and distribution system pipelines and appurtenant structures, right-of-way, and patrol roads within western San Bernardino County, California (see attached location map). The Western San Bernardino County Operating Region includes 74 miles of pipeline, 392 pipeline structures, and approximately 50 miles of patrol roads.

Project Description: Metropolitan has prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Western San Bernardino County Region Distribution System Protection Program in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed program consists of a comprehensive program to design and construct projects addressing surface infrastructure repair and protection needs, while simultaneously implementing a plan for conducting routine operations and maintenance (O&M) activities in the Western San Bernardino County Operating Region in order to ensure continued water supply reliability. The scope of the program does not include projects related to the subsurface infrastructure (i.e., pipelines). There are two components within the proposed program: Capital Investment Plan (CIP) projects and O&M activities.

The proposed CIP projects generally consist of repair, upgrade, and/or relocation of existing structures, or the installation of structures to address access or infrastructure problems that threaten system reliability. Types of CIP projects fall into three categories: patrol road improvements and paving, engineered erosion control, and slope stabilization. These projects typically require design engineering and would be conducted on a one-time basis.

Metropolitan's proposed O&M activities are conducted on a regular and ongoing basis and are intended to maintain existing structures, patrol roads, and other appurtenant pipeline structures. These activities are currently ongoing within the Western San Bernardino County Operating Region; however, an O&M Manual, which is being developed as part of this program, would establish a formalized plan that would provide a systematic and scheduled approach to these maintenance activities. O&M activities are divided into two categories: routine O&M activities and single-occurrence O&M activities. Routine O&M activities are repeated, routine activities that occur and will continue to occur at regular intervals to maintain patrol roads and other infrastructure in good condition. These activities include patrol road maintenance; patrol and inspection; routine structure maintenance, repair and replacement, including maintenance/cleanout of drainage features; facility maintenance, repair, and replacement; vegetation management/maintenance; and other activities such as pipeline shutdowns/dewatering and emergency work. Single-occurrence O&M activities would typically be conducted on a one-time basis and would include repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing structures to support the continued operation and maintenance of existing pipelines and appurtenant pipeline structures. These O&M activities are primarily limited to installation of low water crossings, including Arizona crossings, culverts, and/or bridges to reestablish and improve access along patrol roads.

Metropolitan, acting as the Lead Agency under CEQA, certified a Program Environmental Impact Report for the "Western San Bernardino County Distribution System Infrastructure Protection Program" on October 13, 2020.

This is to advise that Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA has reviewed and considered the above-described project and has adopted the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Mitigation Monitoring Report or Monitoring Plan (MMRP) [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The certified Program Environmental Impact Report, Responses to Comments, MMRP, Findings, and related CEQA documentation are on file at Metropolitan's headquarters at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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