



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 Phase 3 Project**

DATE: June 13, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

PROJECT TITLE: West Valley Feeder No. 1 Phase 3 Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. Anyone desiring to comment on the Draft IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Thursday, June 13, 2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024. In addition to making the Draft IS-MND available for public review, the document is being sent to responsible, trustee, and interested agencies as part of the review process required under CEQA (Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15072 of the California Code of Regulations).

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project Area is located within Chatsworth Park South in the community of Chatsworth. The Project Area is owned by the City of Los Angeles and Metropolitan has easement rights. The Project Area encompasses approximately 1.98 acres and is not included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (hazardous waste facilities). The Project Area is depicted in Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project proposes modifications to four structures along the West Valley Feeder No. 1 (WVF1) pipeline alignment, and construction of a new access road and vehicle turn around areas within Chatsworth Park South. Pipeline structure modifications include relocating valve enclosures, installing bollards around structures to protect them from vehicles, enlarging existing access manholes and installing street-type lids, and replacing valve piping and fittings within existing structures. Specific location improvements include:

WVF1 Station 1405+23: Replace the valve enclosure and associated piping, and relocate approximately seven feet to the south within a paved roadway. Install a new manhole with street type lid and protective bollards on asphalt road.

WVF1 Station 1407+45: Replace and raise the existing manhole, replace existing riprap to protect the pipeline structure from storm flows, and install protective bollards on asphalt road.

WVF1 Station 1415+37 and 1415+42: Construct a new, 13-foot by 9-foot vault structure to house existing, buried valves.

WVF1 Station 1416+33: Abandon the existing blow-off valve structure by permanently capping the valve components and converting to a blind flange.

Access Road: Construct a new access road, two vehicle turnaround areas, and access gate to accommodate a full-size maintenance truck. The new road would provide access to the structures at Stations 1415+37 and 1415+42, with the vehicle turnaround areas located immediately adjacent to Stations 1415+37 and 1415+42. Retaining walls and v-ditches would be constructed along portions of the access road to protect the new road from erosion, as well as a culvert crossing. The proposed access road would be approximately 14 feet wide and 600 feet in length.

Staging Areas: Construction staging and storage would occur at two locations within Chatsworth Park South.

Operations and Maintenance: Operations and maintenance activities including the frequency of staff visits, maintenance, and shutdowns, would be similar to existing conditions once construction is complete.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the Project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and concludes that, with the implementation of mitigation measures for biological resources, cultural resources, and geology and soils, the proposed Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, hard copies of the Draft IS-MND are available for public review for 30 days from Thursday, June 13, 2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024 at:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

A copy of the Draft IS-MND will also be posted on Metropolitan’s website at: www.mwdh2o.com/CEQA

Please contact Michelle Morrison via telephone or email at EP@mwdh2o.com to make arrangements for viewing the document at Metropolitan’s office or to request a hard copy of the Draft IS-MND if you are not able to access the document online or at the location listed above.

When submitting written comments to Metropolitan, please provide the name and email address of a contact person. All comments and questions regarding the Project should be directed to:

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Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to: EP@mwdh2o.com
Reference: “West Valley Feeder Draft IS-MND” in the subject line.

Metropolitan will notify commenters of the date, time and place of the public meeting at which Metropolitan’s Board of Directors will consider the proposed Project and IS-MND, including comments received during the public review period. This information will also be posted on the website referenced above. Information on how to access the meeting will be found in the meeting agenda published at the following website 72 hours in advance of the meeting - <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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- Metropolitan Mainlines
- Staging Area
- Proposed Road
- Project Area
- Chatsworth Park South



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