

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Los Angeles County
Flood Control District
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Project Title

Walnut Creek Spreading Basin Pump Station Project

Project Location - Specific

Walnut Creek Wash, North of Interstate-10 off of S. Grand Avenue

Project Location - City

City of Covina

Project Location - County

Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to optimize groundwater recharge at Walnut Creek Spreading Basin (Spreading Basin) by restoring the percolation rate in the Spreading Basin. This project includes minor sediment removal within the Spreading Basin, construction of a pump station, pipeline, and outlet structure into Walnut Creek Wash Channel, and upgrades to the existing gage boards.

Over the years, fine sediment containing silts and clays have built up in the Spreading Basin, which inhibits groundwater recharge. This project will remove approximately 7,000 cubic yards of sediment buildup from the Spreading Basin to be hauled and disposed of at Manning Sediment Placement Site in the City of Irwindale. A pump station, consisting of two pumps (each with a capacity of 10 cubic feet per second), a 112-foot long ductile iron pipeline, a diversion box, a flow metering vault and instrumentation, a 30-foot long reinforced concrete pipeline, and an outlet structure will also be constructed to allow conveyance of water to be delivered to downstream spreading ground facilities with higher percolation rates and greater recharge capacities and to facilitate maintenance of the spreading basin. The existing gage boards will be replaced and supplemented with a data logger and pressure transducer. The pressure transducer and logger system will enhance operations within the Spreading Basin by providing more accurate water level readings. Four ornamental non-native trees will be removed to construct the pipeline.

Construction trucks and equipment will access the construction site via public roadways. To perform the above work, the Spreading Basin will need to be completely dewatered. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Non-Storm Water Management and Temporary Sediment Control shall be utilized to minimize any effect to water quality. BMPs include but are not limited to: sand bag barriers; silt fencing; dewatering operations being performed at a gradual rate; and proper vehicle and equipment cleaning and maintenance (which will occur outside the Basin).

Name of Public Agency Approving ProjectLos Angeles County Flood Control District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out ProjectCounty of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Exempt Status: (Check One) Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

Section 15301(b); Existing Publicly Owned Facility Maintenance and Minor Alteration

Section 15301(d); Restoration of Deteriorated Facilities and Mechanical Equipment

 Statutory Exemption. State code number:Section 15282(k); installation of a new pipeline

Reasons why project is exempt

This project is exempt from CEQA per Section 15301(b) and (d) and Section 15282(k) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 Subsections (e), (l), and (u) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because this project involves the restoration of an existing public service groundwater recharge facility, minor alterations of the facility by adding pumps, and the installation of a new pipeline less than one mile in length within public right-of-way to provide a minor change to the method of conveyance of stormwater flows to downstream spreading ground facilities. The project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Further, the project is not located in a sensitive area and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

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