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# **Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment**

**Date:** May 16, 2012

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**Lead Agency:** Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40

**Project Title:** Phase 2 of the North Los Angeles/Kern County Regional Recycled Water Project

The Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (LACWWD40) as the Lead Agency has prepared this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/MND/EA). This IS/MND/EA has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to provide information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with Phase 2 of the North Los Angeles/Kern County Regional Recycled Water Project (proposed project). LACWWD40 has established a 30-day review period that begins **May 16, 2012** and ends **June 14, 2012**.

**Project Description:** LACWWD40 proposes to implement Phase 2, a critical portion of the backbone distribution system of the North Los Angeles/Kern County Regional Recycled Water Project. The Phase 2 components include the recycled water conveyance pipelines, a pump station, and one recycled water storage tank. The proposed pipeline would be constructed primarily within public right-of-ways (ROWs) and would pass through undeveloped desert, residential and commercial areas, alongside a golf course, and along and across Amargosa Creek. The proposed pump station would be located at the Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (PWRP). The proposed steel recycled water storage tank would be located within a County-owned parcel, which currently contains a potable water storage tank. The proposed tank site is adjacent to commercial uses to the north and residential land uses to the east, and is also adjacent to the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14).

**Project Location:** The proposed project would be located in the Antelope Valley, which encompasses approximately 2,400 square miles in northern Los Angeles County, southern Kern County, and western San Bernardino County. The physical improvements associated with

implementation of Phase 2 would be located within the City of Palmdale. The pump station is located at the PWRP, 39300 30th Street East; the steel storage tank is located adjacent to northbound State Route 14 between 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and Amargosa Creek, and the recycled water conveyance pipelines are within the public ROW of City of Palmdale and County of Los Angeles streets. The pipeline alignment would make two crossings of the Metrolink/Union Pacific Railroad as it runs parallel to Sierra Highway and would cross the Amargosa Creek just northeast of the new storage tank.

**Document Availability:** The IS/MND/EA is available for review on LACWWD40's web site ([www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org)).

The IS/MND/EA is also available for review at:

**Palmdale City Library**  
700 E. Palmdale Blvd.  
Palmdale, CA 93550

**Lancaster Regional Library**  
601 W. Lancaster Blvd.  
Lancaster, CA 93435

**Public Review and Comments:** Pursuant to Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code, the IS/MND/EA will be available for public review during the 30-day review period, which ends on **June 14, 2012**. Comments on the IS/MND/EA should be sent to:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40  
Attn: Jonathan King  
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Alhambra, California 91803  
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**Deadline:** All comments on the IS/MND/EA must be submitted in writing to Jonathan King at LACWWD40 at the address shown above by **5:00 PM on June 14, 2012**.