



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29  
PRIORITY CAPITAL DEFICIENCIES IMPROVEMENTS**

**DATE:** November 9, 2017

**TO:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meetings

**PROJECT TITLE:** Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 Priority Capital Deficiencies Improvements

**LEAD AGENCY:** Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, through the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu (Waterworks District No. 29), a legal entity governed by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) through the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) for the Priority Capital Deficiencies Improvements (proposed project) described below. The proposed project would consist of several projects in the Malibu and Topanga areas. On behalf of Waterworks District No. 29, Public Works is soliciting input from responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, other agencies required to receive this notice, members of the public organizations, and any other interested parties on the scope and content of the information to be included and analyzed in the proposed project's EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of the environmental information that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The EIR will serve as the environmental document for the lead agency, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies when considering any discretionary approvals related to the proposed project.

The proposed project description, location, and potential environmental effects of the proposed project are described in this Notice of Preparation (NOP). This notice meets the requirements set forth in CEQA.

Scoping comments on the EIR should be sent to Public Works in writing, either by U.S. mail or e-mail, no later than 39 days after issuance of the NOP. Waterworks District No. 29 will accept written comments regarding the NOP through the close of business on December 18, 2017. Please send all written comments, including e-mailed comments, to Alma Fuentes Quintana at the address below. Comments should include the name of a contact person.

Copies of the NOP are available for public review at the following Public Library and County office locations:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Waterworks Division  
1000 South Fremont Avenue  
Building A9-E, 4th Floor  
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Malibu Office  
23533 West Civic Center Way  
Malibu, CA 90265

Topanga Library  
122 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard  
Topanga, CA 90290

The NOP is also available for public review at the following website: [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org).

Interested parties may submit their comments to:

Alma Fuentes Quintana, Project Manager  
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Waterworks Division  
P.O. Box 1460  
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460  
e-mail: [waterworksprojects@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:waterworksprojects@dpw.lacounty.gov)

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ms. Fuentes Quintana at (626) 300-3339 (Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.) or at the e-mail address shown above. Parties that are interested in receiving future information related to the proposed project may submit their name and mailing address with that request to Ms. Fuentes Quintana, Project Manager.

#### **Project Location:**

The proposed project, which consists of several separate improvements, would be located in Waterworks District No. 29's service area (**Figure 1**). Waterworks District No. 29's water service area consists of the City of Malibu and the unincorporated area of Topanga. The City of Malibu is located on a narrow strip of land along the coastline with numerous canyons extending northward. Waterworks District No. 29 service area is bounded on the north by the steep and rugged Santa Monica Mountains, on the east by Topanga Canyon and the City of Los Angeles boundary, on the west by Ventura County, and on the south by the Pacific Ocean. Waterworks District No. 29 occupies an area of about 47 square miles (30,000 acres).

#### **Existing Conditions:**

Major water system infrastructure facilities in Waterworks District No. 29 include approximately 200 miles of water main, 70 pump and pressure regulating stations, and 50 tanks with a total storage capacity of 20 million gallons. Waterworks District No. 29 serves approximately 20,000 people. Waterworks District No. 29 was established in 1959. Historically, water system facilities were acquired from various small mutual water companies and the infrastructure is aging. Some of the acquired facilities were originally constructed in the 1940s and 1950s. Waterworks District No. 29 is supplied by a 30-inch-diameter transmission pipeline that was built during the 1960s.

#### **Project Description:**

Public Works is committed to completing the most critical projects in Waterworks District No. 29 over the next 10 years in order to provide a more reliable water system for existing customers. The eight projects that comprise the proposed project would correct the most critical capital infrastructure deficiencies to provide a more reliable water system for existing customers. The projects will be analyzed at a project level. The eight projects, listed in **Table 1** and shown on **Figure 2**, were identified based on operational imperatives, importance to overall system, and capacity.

The proposed project includes: the demolition of two water tanks and construction of one tank reservoir in the unincorporated area of Topanga; replacement of approximately 34,300 feet of underground water pipeline in

the City of Malibu, 19,000 feet of which are along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH); construction of approximately 6,300 feet of new underground pipeline in the City of Malibu; and repairing several creek crossing locations by replacing and recoating segments of pipe and air release valves on PCH. The pipeline segments would be constructed underground in existing roadways. Approximate addresses are provided in **Table 1**.

**Table 1**  
**Waterworks District No. 29 Proposed Project**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approximate Address</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Carbon Canyon Road and Carbon Mesa Road Waterline Improvements	3873 Carbon Canyon Road to 22576 Carbon Mesa Road, Malibu, 90265	Replace over 7,000 feet of aging and severely deteriorating waterlines that are subject to leaks, ranging in size from 1.5 to 4 inches in diameter, with 8- and 12-inch-diameter steel pipe.
2	Coastline Drive 12-Inch Waterline Improvements	18000 to 18303 Coastline Drive, Malibu, 90265	Replace over 2,000 feet of aging and severely deteriorating waterlines that are subject to leaks by replacing a 12-inch-diameter waterline with a 12-inch-diameter steel waterline.
3	Waterworks District No. 29 Creek Crossing Repair Project	18788 PCH, Malibu, 90265 19399 PCH, Malibu, 90265 21203 PCH, Malibu, 90265 21857 PCH, Malibu, 90265 25712 PCH, Malibu, 90265 27519 PCH, Malibu, 90265 29497 PCH, Malibu, 90265 30626 PCH, Malibu, 90265	Repair the region's water main at several creek crossing locations on PCH. The waterline at these locations is aging, severely deteriorating, and subject to leaks.
4	Fernwood Tank Improvement	19837 Horseshoe Drive, Topanga, 90290	Replace two aging and severely deteriorating 50,000-gallon tanks with a single 300,000-gallon tank.
5	PCH 8-inch Waterline Improvements (Zumirez Drive to Escondido Beach Road)	27200 to 28734 PCH, Malibu, 90265	Replace over 9,500 feet of aging and deteriorating 6-inch-diameter waterline that is subject to leaks with an 8-inch-diameter steel waterline.
6	PCH and Topanga Beach Drive Waterline Improvements	18808 to 18980 PCH, Malibu, 90265 21150 to 21434 PCH, Malibu, 90265 21746 to 22716 PCH, Malibu, 90265	Replace over 8,000 feet of aging, severely deteriorating waterlines that are subject to leaks, replacing 4- and 6-inch-diameter waterline with an 8-inch-diameter steel waterline.
7	Emergency Source of Water Supply Connection (Las Virgenes Connection)	3525 to 4400 Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu, 90265	Construct 6,300 feet of 12-inch-diameter emergency use steel transmission waterline to connect to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to provide a mutual water source capability for the region in case of emergencies if the 30-inch-diameter mainline is interrupted.
8	Big Rock Bypass Improvements	19562 to 19742 PCH, Malibu, 90265	Construct a 1,500-foot bypass for the region's mainline. The bypass would consist of three parallel pipelines in PCH to preserve the integrity of the Malibu water supply and prevent water leaks below PCH at Big Rock. Replace three 10-inch-diameter and one 30-inch-diameter parallel water mains with three 18-inch-diameter steel water mains.

**Scoping Meetings**

Two public scoping meetings will be held on November 14 and 16, 2017, at the locations identified below to solicit input from interested parties on the scope and content of the EIR in conformance with Section 21083.9 of the Public Resources Code.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Topanga Elementary School 22075 Topanga School Road Topanga, CA 90290	Thursday, November 16, 2017 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Malibu City Hall – Multipurpose Room 23825 Stuart Ranch Road Malibu, CA 90265
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### Probable Environmental Effects

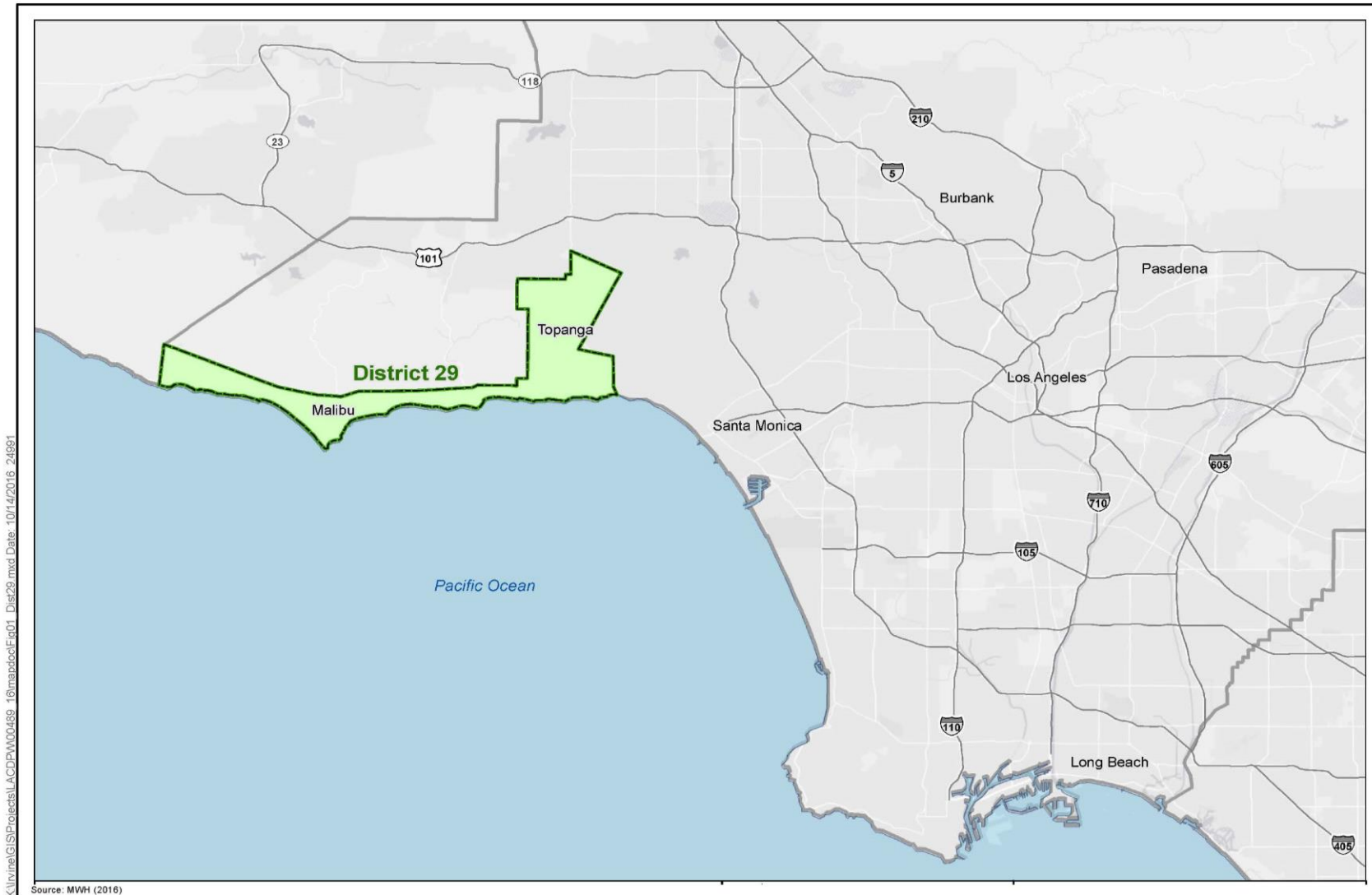
A comprehensive EIR will be prepared to analyze the likely short- and long-term, direct and indirect construction and operational effects of the proposed project and will cover all of the following potential environmental impacts identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, tribal cultural resources, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, energy conservation, and cumulative impacts. An Initial Study has not been prepared for the proposed project as permitted by CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d).

Feasible mitigation measures will be proposed for impacts that are determined to be potentially significant. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program will also be developed for any mitigation incorporated in the analysis.

Si desea obtener más información o necesita traducción de este aviso en español, por favor llame al (626) 300-3384.

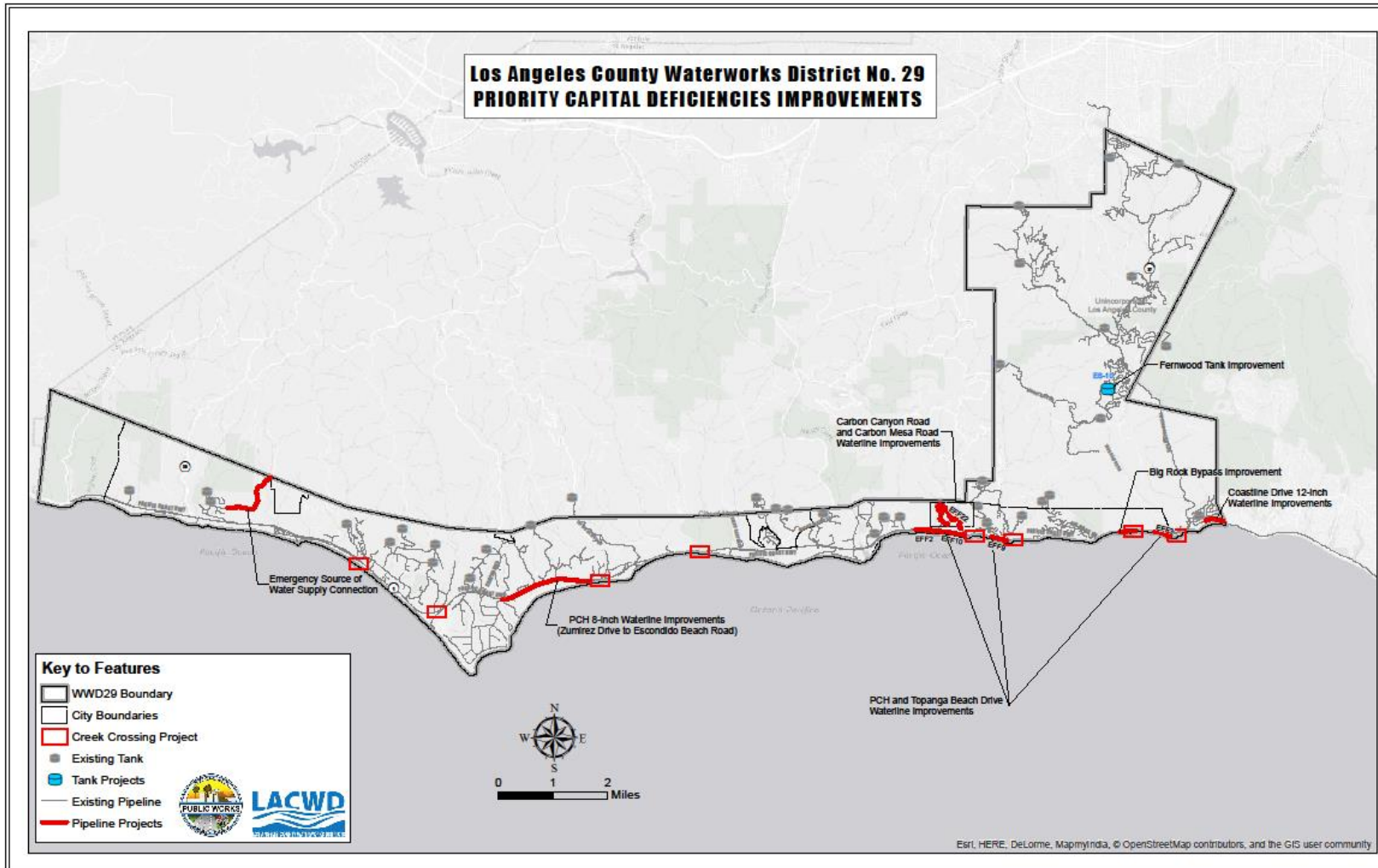


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**Figure 1**  
**Regional Vicinity Map**  
**Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29**





Source: LACWD, 2017.

**Figure 2**  
**Project Location Map**  
**Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29**