

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant

This serves as the City of Long Beach's Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant

Project Location: The project site is located at 6157 Long Beach Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 7307-008-053). The 16,268-square foot site is bound by residential and commercial uses to the north, Long Beach Boulevard to the east, commercial uses to the south, and industrial uses to the west. In addition, the project proposes infrastructure improvements in the public right-of-way of Long Beach Boulevard, Victoria Street, and Barclay Street and thus, these areas are also included in the overall project footprint. Local access to the site is provided via Long Beach Boulevard.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The project proposes to construct a water well (known as DOM 301) and a water treatment plant on the project site. As part of the project, conveyance pipelines would also be constructed in the Long Beach Boulevard, Victoria Street, and Barclay Street rights-of-way to link two nearby existing water wells, DOM 272 and DOM 297, to the proposed treatment plant. Groundwater produced at the two existing wells and the proposed well would be delivered to the proposed water treatment plant on-site and then to the local distribution system, including Cal Water's existing Dominguez District system within the City of Long Beach and County of Los Angeles jurisdictions. The proposed treatment plant would enhance the quality of the water delivered to Cal Water customers, while the construction of the new water well and the collection and distribution mains would improve supply reliability and help meet emergency water demands (e.g., fire flows).

City discretionary approvals for the proposed project include CEQA Clearance, Conditional Use Permit, Building Permit, Sewer Connection Permit, Encroachment Permit, and Permit for 24-Hour Drilling. Additionally, a Discharge Permit from the Los Angeles County Fire Department Petrochemical Unit, Waste Discharge Permit from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Operation Permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and a Drinking Water Permit Amendment from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water would be required.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the project would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment with incorporated mitigation measures. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all City facilities, including City Hall and Long Beach Public Library facilities are only open to the public on an appointment basis. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and supporting materials are available for public review on the City's website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>.

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration or to make an appointment to view the document in person, please contact:

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Public Review Period: Begins – October 8, 2021

Ends – November 8, 2021

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period.