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LAGWRP PRIMARY EFFLUENT EQUALIZATION PROJECT AND THE PERSONNEL BUILDING PROJECT – CERTIFICATION MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) (Case No.ENV-2017-2017101069) AND PROJECT APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Review and consider Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) which finds that the LAGWRP Primary Effluent Equalization Project and the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAGWRP) Personnel Building Project will not have significant environmental impacts under the described MND.
2. Adopt this report and forward it to the City Council with recommendations that Council:
 - a. Review and consider the MND, which finds that the project will not have significant environmental impacts.
 - b. Certify that:
 - i. MND is in complete compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 - ii. The City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND prior to approving the project.
 - iii. The final MND reflects and expresses the City's independent judgement and analysis; and
 - iv. The documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of LA Sanitation.
 - c. Adopt the Findings on Environmental Impacts.
 - d. Approve the project as described in the MND.
 - e. Adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

TRANSMITTALS

- 1) Mitigated Negative Declaration (Case No. ENV-2017-2017101069)
 - a) Included Public Comment Matrix
 - b) Included Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The two projects will be funded from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund. Funding info will be provided at the time projects are awarded.

DISCUSSION

Background

LASAN co-owns and operates the LAGWRP, which provides water reclamation for the eastern San Fernando Valley communities that are both within and outside of the Los Angeles city limits. LAGWRP was constructed in 1972 and has been operating since 1976. The LAGWRP is the first water reclamation plant in the City of Los Angeles. The cities of Los Angeles and Glendale (which is located to the east of the LAGWRP) co-own the plant, where each city pays 50 percent of the costs and receives an equal share of the recycled water produced by the plant. LAGWRP is a regionally strategic facility within both the City of Los Angeles and City of Glendale's overall wastewater system in addition to being a significant recycled water producer.

By processing flows in the eastern San Fernando Valley, the plant is able to provide critical hydraulic relief to the City of Los Angeles's major sewers downstream.

Project Description

The MND describes projects intended to implement both operational and administrative improvements for existing uses at the LAGWRP. The projects included are the LAGWRP Primary Effluent Equalization Storage Project, and the LAGWRP Personnel Building Project. A third project, the Blower Air Clean-up System, will be constructed during the same timeframe as the proposed projects. That project was subject to a separate CEQA Notice of Exemption; however, it is discussed in this MND in order to assess any potential cumulative impacts. Implementation of the three projects will be coordinated in parallel or sequentially to minimize costs and construction time and to maximize efficiency.

The Personnel Building project will design and construct a new administrative/operations building for existing LAGWRP personnel. In addition, the existing Administration Building located onsite will be remodeled (interior only). The Primary Effluent Equalization Storage Project will serve to improve the existing process and will be designed to provide consistent flow and loading to LAGWRP processes to maintain optimum treatment at the plant, provide for enhanced operational flexibility and reliability, and add a total of 5.64 MG of storage required for the collection system to provide the required wet - weather relief at the downstream reaches of the LAGWRP. The proposed facilities would be located within the existing fenced boundary of the LAGWRP on land owned by the City of Los Angeles and the City of Glendale.

Draft MND Review and Comments

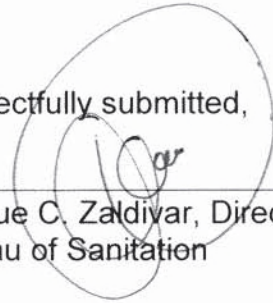
The proposed MND was circulated for public review and comment. Two commenters requested minor edits to the language that did not change significance determinations and notice was received from the State Clearinghouse that no State agencies provided comments and thus the MND has complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

No significant impacts are anticipated following the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the MND.

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Respectfully submitted,

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