

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) and ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant Primary Effluent Equalization Storage and Personnel Building Projects (SCH No. 2017101069).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND and CERTIFY that the:
 - a. MND, attached to the Council file, is in complete compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
 - b. City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND prior to approving the Project.
 - c. Final MND reflects and expresses the City's independent judgment and analysis.
2. ADOPT the findings as detailed in the environmental reports incorporated in the April 11, 2018 Board of Public Works (BPW) report, attached to the Council file.
3. APPROVE the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant Primary Effluent Equalization Storage and Personnel Building Projects as detailed in the April 11, 2018 BPW report, attached to the Council file (SCH No. 2017101069).
4. ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as detailed in the April 11, 2018 BPW report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BPW reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. The two projects will be funded from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund. Funding information will be provided at the time projects are awarded.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 15, 2018, your Committee considered an April 11, 2018 BPW report, MND, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program relative to the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAGWRP) Primary Effluent Equalization Storage and Personnel Building Project (SCH No. 2017101069). According to the BPW, the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) 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. The LAGWRP was constructed in 1972 and has been operating since 1976 and as such, it was 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. The 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.

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.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the April 11, 2018 BPW report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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