

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE FAIRMONT SEDIMENTATION PLANT PROJECT**

**Date:** April 5, 2018  
**To:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Fairmont Sedimentation Plant Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Fairmont Sedimentation Plant Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

LADWP proposes to implement the Fairmont Sedimentation Plant Project (proposed project) to maintain the quality and reliability of the City of Los Angeles potable water supply. The proposed project would improve raw water quality through a reduction in sediment in the water delivered by the First and Second Los Angeles Aqueducts to the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant, where the water receives additional treatment and disinfection before entering the City's potable water distribution system. The proposed sedimentation plant would utilize plate settler technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the sediment removal process and minimize the plant's required footprint.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The approximately 20-acre project site is located on LADWP-owned property adjacent to the LADWP Fairmont Reservoir #2. The Fairmont Reservoir property is located at West Avenue H and 170th Street West, approximately 6 miles west of the City of Lancaster, in the Antelope Valley in northwest Los Angeles County. Regional access to the site is provided by State Route 138 (SR-138), an east-west thoroughfare approximately 4 miles north of the property that provides linkage between State Route 14 (SR-14) (about 15 miles east of the project site) and Interstate 5 (I-5) (about 20 miles west of the project site). The nearest paved road to the project site is Lancaster Road, which is approximately 1 mile to the northeast at its closest point. Direct access to the site is provided by unpaved roads. Other than several agricultural properties that include residences (the closest of which is over 1,000 feet northeast of the project site), the area surrounding the site is primarily undeveloped.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on April 5, 2018, and conclude on May 4, 2018. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Quartz Hill Public Library  
5040 Avenue M-2  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536



Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2018**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attn: Ms. Jane Hauptman  
Email: Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Jane Hauptman at (213) 367-0968.



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