



Central Basin

Municipal Water District

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TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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LEAD AGENCIES: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) is the Lead Agency proposing to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the project identified below. The Plan's purpose, location, description and probable environmental effects are summarized below and presented in an Initial Study (IS).

PROJECT TITLE: Central Basin Groundwater Storage Plan: A Blueprint for Future Reliability

PURPOSE: CBMWD is preparing a Draft PEIR, pursuant to CEQA, to evaluate the potential environmental effects of implementing a proposed Groundwater Storage Plan (Plan) to improve water supply reliability throughout the Los Angeles Central Groundwater Basin (CGB or Basin).

LOCATION: The study area for this Program Environmental Impact Report encompasses the CGB, which covers an area of about 270 square miles in the Los Angeles County Coastal Plain. The CGB is bounded on the northeast and the east by the Elysian, Repetto, Merced, and Puente Hills. The southeast boundary is along Coyote Creek, which is used to separate the CGB from the Orange County Groundwater Basin. The southwest boundary is the Newport-Inglewood fault system and uplift which separates it from the West Coast Basin. The Lead Agency's service area includes 24 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles, covering a total of 227 square miles and serving over 2 million residents.

DESCRIPTION: The proposed Plan would acquire water through various supply and demand management options and subsequently store the water in underground aquifers within the Basin that are currently underutilized.

Potential sources of water currently under consideration may include but are not be limited to: supply offsets through conservation, recycled water, irrigation return flow credits, gray water, stormwater capture, desalinization, imported water and remediation and reuse of contaminated groundwater. This additional supply of stored water would generally serve to meet emergency, operational and pre-delivery needs for local water agencies.

PEIR SCOPING PROCESS: CBMWD will seek public input on topics, issues, and alternatives to be considered in the PEIR during a 45-day scoping period from **February 23, 2011** through **April 8, 2011**. Scoping is an open process of eliciting comment on the contents of the PEIR from responsible, trustee, and reviewing agencies, and interested parties. The views of your agency, relative to the statutory responsibilities of your agency in connection with the proposed project, are being solicited in an effort to determine the scope and content of the environmental document. The Draft PEIR is anticipated to be available for public review in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

The IS/NOP is available for public review online on CBMWD's website at: www.centralbasin.org and in hard copy at the following locations:

Central Basin Municipal Water District
6252 Telegraph Road
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Phone: 323-201-5500

South Whittier Library
14433 Leffingwell Road
Whittier, CA 90604-2966
Phone: 562-946-4415

Huntington Park Library
6518 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255-4388
Phone: 323-583-1461

Artesia Library
18722 S. Clarkdale Avenue
Artesia, CA 90701
Phone: 562-865-6614

Leland R. Weaver Library
4035 Tweedy Boulevard
South Gate, CA 90280
Phone: 323-567-8853

Downey City Library
11121 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241-7015
Phone: 562-904-7360

SCOPING MEETINGS: Two scoping meetings are being held to solicit input on the proposed Plan. The schedule and locations of CBMWD's public scoping meetings are:

Scoping Meeting 1
Tuesday, March 8, 10am-12pm
Cerritos Library
18125 Bloomfield Avenue
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 916-1350

Scoping Meeting 2
Tuesday, March 29, 6pm-8pm
South Gate Civic Center
8650 California Avenue
South Gate, CA 90280
(323) 563-5479

Special Assistance: If special assistance is required for these meetings, please contact Ms. Valerie Howard of CBMWD at (323) 201-5552 no less than five working days before the meeting to allow CBMWD to secure the needed services.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: Issue areas that may be significantly impacted by the proposed Program and will be discussed further in the PEIR are presented here to initiate the scoping process:

- *Aesthetics*
- *Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases*
- *Biological Resources*
- *Cultural Resources*
- *Geology, Soils and Seismicity*
- *Hazards and Hazardous Materials*
- *Hydrology and Water Quality*
- *Land Use and Planning*
- *Noise*
- *Population and Housing*
- *Utilities and Service Systems*

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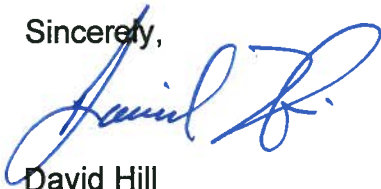
Written comments should be sent *no later than 5 p.m. on April 8, 2011*, to

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Please include your name and address so that CBMWD can contact you directly if clarification is needed.

Sincerely,



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