



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Notice of Availability

TO: Whom It May Concern FROM: County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Subject: **Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development and Notice of Public Meetings, Dates, and Locations**

The County of Los Angeles as the Lead Agency has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate environmental impacts of the adoption of a proposed ordinance to allow hauled water as the primary source of potable water for new single-family residential construction in unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles, where there is no available service from a public or private water purveyor and where it has been demonstrated that an on-site groundwater well is not feasible. This project is referred to as the proposed initiative. The 50-day public review period for the Draft EIR starts on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, and ends on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

In order to determine the project location, that is, which areas would be subject to the proposed initiative, the County developed a geographic information system (GIS) suitability model in 2012 based on five criteria:

- Parcels located in the unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County
- Vacant parcels
- Parcels located in areas where there is no designated water purveyor
- Zoning and General Plan designation that allow for development of a single-family residence
- Parcel size greater than 2,000 square feet with slopes under 50 percent (26.6°)

The County has estimated that, should the proposed initiative be adopted, owners of approximately 42,867 parcels in the County could be eligible to seek authorization for use of hauled water to support issuance of a building permit for a single-family residence (see attached map). The combined proposed initiative study area consists of approximately 340,461 acres or approximately 532 square miles.

The parcels that would be affected by the proposed initiative are located entirely within the 5th Supervisorial District in the northern one-third of the County, including areas located north and east of the San Gabriel Mountains in the Antelope Valley; areas located northeast of the City of Santa Clarita, north and south of California State Route 14; areas that are southwest of the City of Palmdale in the communities of Agua Dulce and Acton; and in the eastern San Gabriel mountains area in the Angeles National Forest. The subject parcels have been categorized into seven subareas:

1. **Lake Hughes, Gorman, West of Lancaster:** The Lake Hughes, Gorman, West of Lancaster subarea is located in an area generally located west of State Highway 14 and north of the Angeles National Forest.
2. **Lancaster Northeast:** The Lancaster Northeast subarea is located in an area generally east of State Highway 14 and north of East Avenue J.
3. **Antelope Valley Northeast:** The Antelope Valley North East subarea is located in an area generally located north of East Avenue E and east of 165th Street East in the far northeastern portion of Los Angeles County.
4. **Lake Los Angeles / Llano / Valyermo / Littlerock:** The Lake Los Angeles / Llano / Valyermo / Littlerock subarea is located in an area generally south of East Avenue J, east of 47th Street East.

5. **Acton:** The Acton subarea is located in an area generally east of Hubbard Road and West of 47th Street East.
6. **Castaic / Santa Clarita / Agua Dulce:** The Castaic / Santa Clarita / Agua Dulce subarea is located generally west of Hubbard Road and north of the 210 Freeway.
7. **East San Gabriel Mountains:** The East San Gabriel Mountains subarea consists of parcels generally located within the Angeles National Forest east of State Highway 14, north of the 210 freeway, south of the Pearblossom Highway, and west of the San Bernardino County line.

The Draft EIR analyzes the following environmental issues areas determined to have potentially significant impacts as a result of the earlier Initial Study and scoping process:

Environmental Issues with Potential Significant Impacts

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems

The Draft EIR is available in hard copy and electronically for public review and comments during the public review period, from May 31, 2016, to July 20, 2016. The County is providing a 50-day review period, rather than the standard 45-day review period, to allow additional time for public review.

Hard copies are located at nine County public facilities:

5th Supervisorial District Field Office
1113 West Avenue M-4, Suite A
Palmdale, California 93551

Lake Los Angeles Library
16921 East Avenue O, #A
Palmdale, California 93591

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Lancaster Library
601 West Lancaster Boulevard
Lancaster, CA 93534

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Stevenson Ranch Library
25950 The Old Road
Stevenson Ranch, California 91381

Acton Agua Dulce Library
33792 Crown Valley Road
Acton, California 93510

Quartz Hill Library
42018 North 50th Street West
Quartz Hill, California 93536

Castaic Library
27971 Sloan Canyon Road
Castaic, California 91384

The Draft EIR completed for the proposed initiative can also be viewed online at:

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/hauled>.

To ensure full consideration in the Final EIR, written comments must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2016**. Please send letters of comment (including the name of the designated contact person for your agency if applicable) on the Draft EIR to the following address:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Attn: Mr. Dale Sakamoto/Hauled Water EIR Comments
900 South Fremont Avenue, 11th Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Comments can also be submitted electronically at: dsakamoto@dpw.lacounty.gov

Comments sent via e-mail should state Hauled Water EIR Comments in the Subject Line

Agencies and organization should identify a point of contact for future coordination.

Public meetings: The County will host two public meetings to provide a review of the EIR process, conclusions of the Draft EIR, and to solicit written comments on the Draft EIR. Attendance at meetings is not required to submit comments on the Draft EIR. The public meetings will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the following locations on the dates listed:

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
General William J. Fox Airfield
4555 West Avenue G
Lancaster, CA 93536

Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Acton Agua Dulce Library
33792 Crown Valley Road
Acton, CA 93510

Project Title: Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development

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Date: May 26, 2016

Si desea obtener más información o necesita que la notificación sea traducido a otro idioma, por favor llame al (626) 458-3948.

