



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Notice of Preparation

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

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development and Notice of a Scoping Meeting, Date, and Location**

The County of Los Angeles will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the feasibility of the adoption of an 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 County is seeking input from responsible and trustee agencies, other agencies required to receive this notice, and from the State Office of Planning and Research, and is also extending the outreach for early public consultation with potentially eligible property owners, and other interested parties regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Scoping has been helpful to agencies in identifying a range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant impacts to be analyzed in depth in an EIR, and in eliminating detailed studies of issues that are not expected to result in significant impacts. Responsible and trustee agencies will need to use the EIR when considering permits or related approvals for the proposed initiative.

A Notice of Preparation was originally circulated on September 17, 2014. Due to subsequent refinements to the project study area that identified additional parcels that could potentially qualify to use hauled water under the proposed initiative, the County is recirculating this Notice of Preparation to responsible and trustee agencies, other agencies required to receive this notice, the State Office of Planning and Research, and potentially eligible property owners who may not have previously received the Notice of Preparation.

In order to determine 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 > 2,000 square feet with slopes under 50 percent (26.6°)

This model was revised in 2015 to incorporate changes in water purveyor boundaries and land use designations from the Antelope Valley Area Plan and General Plan. As a result of these revisions, there was a net gain of 195 parcels in the study area that would potentially be eligible for the use of hauled water pursuant to the proposed initiative.

The County has estimated that, should the proposed initiative be adopted, approximately 42,872 parcel owners 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 Topographic Map). The combined proposed initiative study area consists of approximately 342,715 acres or approximately 535 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 County has completed an Initial Study and made a preliminary determination regarding the scope of the environmental analysis.

Environmental Issues Determined to Have No Impact or Less than Significant Impact

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Minerals

Environmental Issues with Potential Significant Impacts or Public Controversy

- 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 Notice of Preparation and previously prepared initial study are available for review during the scoping period, from May 1, 2015 to June 1, 2015, at:

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

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

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

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

Castaic Library
27955 Sloan Canyon Road
Castaic, California 91384

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

Stevenson Ranch Express Library
26233 West Faulkner Drive
Stevenson Ranch, California 91381

Lancaster Library
601 West Lancaster Boulevard
Lancaster, CA 93534

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

The initial study completed for the proposed project can also be viewed online at:

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

As a result of the revision to the study area, the County will host one additional scoping meeting to provide agencies and owners of the potentially eligible parcels that have been added to the study area to participate in the scoping process. At the scoping meeting, the County will review the various project elements and solicit information in relation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the proposed initiative:

May 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chimbole Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

To ensure full consideration in the Environmental Impact Report, comments must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2015**. Please send letters of comment (including the name of the designated contact person for your agency if applicable) on the Notice of Preparation to the following address:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Attn: Mr. Dale Sakamoto/Hauled Water EIR Scoping 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 Scoping Comments in the Subject Line

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

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

Signature: 
Mr. Dale Sakamoto

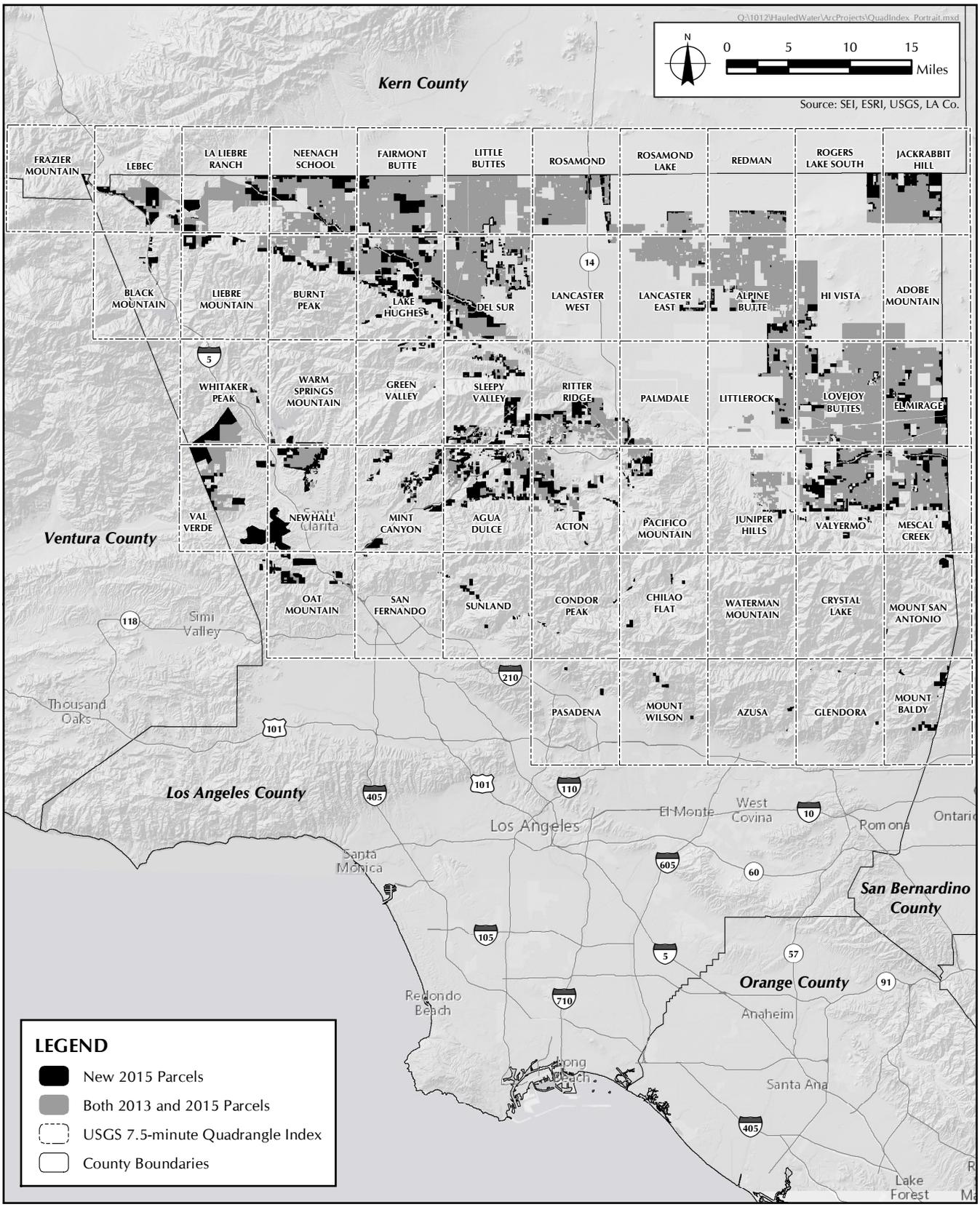
Telephone: (626) 458-3915

Title: Civil Engineer

Date: May 1, 2015



Source: SEI, ESRI, USGS, LA Co.



LEGEND

-  New 2015 Parcels
-  Both 2013 and 2015 Parcels
-  USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle Index
-  County Boundaries

