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Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Fontana Water Company Recycled Water Improvement Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes construction of a new 0.53 million gallon (MG) steel recycled storage reservoir along with a new booster pump station with three submersible 60 horsepower electrical pump motors. A 16-inch diameter steel pipeline, approximately 565 feet in length, will be installed and connected to the existing Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) recycled water line. Additional new 8-inch and 12-inch diameter steel and PVC pipelines will also be installed at approximately 400 lineal feet per day totaling approximately 28,032 lineal feet. The proposed project is planned to begin after State funding is available, possibly in 2016 and take approximately 1.5 years to complete.

Localized Significance Thresholds Analysis

Because the proposed project is located within one-quarter mile of sensitive receptors (single-family residences¹) northwest, northeast and east of the project site, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency evaluate localized air quality impacts to ensure that any nearby sensitive receptors are not adversely affected by the construction or operational activities that are occurring in close proximity. SCAQMD guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can also be found at the SCAQMD website². Should the Lead Agency conclude after its analyses that construction or operational air quality impacts exceed the SCAQMD daily significance thresholds, SCAQMD staff has compiled mitigation measures³ to be implemented, if the air quality impacts are determined to be significant.

¹ DMND, Page two, Project Site and an Aerial Map Inspection.

² <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/localized-significance-thresholds>

³ <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>

Compliance With SCAQMD Rule 1403 During Demolition Activities

Based on the project description, there are abandoned structures and facilities, none of which is proposed to be abandoned as part of the proposed project. The Lead Agency is reminded that should asbestos be encountered during any future demolition of these structures and facilities, the owners and operators of any demolition activity are required to comply with the requirements of SCAQMD Rule 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation at that time.

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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