



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Date of Notice: February 16, 2021

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On February 8, 2021, the City's Engineering & Capital Projects Department (applicant) requested an extension of the public comment period. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15105 Public Review Period for a Draft EIR or a Proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Development Services Department has granted the request and extended the public comment period to April 1, 2021.

The City of San Diego Development Services Department, as Lead Agency, has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the following project and is inviting comments regarding the adequacy of the document. Written comments must be received by the end of business on **Thursday, April 1, 2021** to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Submit written comments to **Rachael Ferrell, Environmental Analysis Section, City of San Diego Development Services Department, 1222 First Avenue, MS-501, San Diego, CA 92101** or DSDEAS@saniego.gov. **Ensure that the project name and number is included the subject line.**

General Project Information:

- Project Name: La Jolla View Reservoir
- Project No. 331101 / SCH No. 2018041020
- Community Plan Area: La Jolla
- Council District: 1

Project Location: The project is located at the existing La Jolla View Reservoir within the La Jolla Heights Natural Park, approximately 500 feet east of Country Club Drive and 150 feet north of existing residences on Remley Place. The project is also located at the Exchange Place Reservoir which is east of the intersection of Country Club Drive and Pepita Way. The project also includes improvements along Country Club Drive between Soledad Avenue and Romero Drive.

Project Description: The City of San Diego has prepared an Environmental Impact Report to evaluate the effects of the proposed La Jolla View Reservoir project. The project will require approval of a Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit for impacts to Environmentally Sensitive Lands. The project would replace the existing Exchange Place Reservoir and La Jolla View Reservoir with a new 3.1-million-gallon reservoir within the La Jolla Heights Natural Park. The existing reservoirs and the Exchange Place Pump Station would be demolished, and their sites would be returned to historical contours and restored with native vegetation. The proposed new reservoir would be entirely buried, except for reservoir access hatches and supervisory control and data acquisition equipment. The new reservoir would include an approximately 200-foot-long, 18-inch overflow pipe with an at-grade outlet and energy

dissipation structure. In addition, an 8-inch utility water connection to the new reservoir would be provided from the existing water main in Brodiaea Way.

The project also includes construction of approximately 2,790 linear feet of 30-inch pipeline. The pipeline would run from the new La Jolla View Reservoir in a general east-to-west direction through the La Jolla Heights Natural Park to connect with the existing 16-inch Muirlands Pipeline in County Club Drive. Approximately 1,050 linear feet of the 2,790 linear feet total would be replacing the 16-inch pipeline up to the existing Muirlands Pump Station. In addition, approximately 780 feet of an 8-inch pipeline would parallel the 30-inch pipeline along Country Club Drive to serve existing customers. An altitude valve vault would be located along the pipeline adjacent to Country Club Drive. The existing pipeline segment through the La Jolla Heights Natural Park would be abandoned in place.

An existing paved access road from Encelia Drive would be reconstructed to allow access to the new reservoir site for maintenance vehicles. This road would terminate at the reservoir access hatches where two parking spaces and paved turnaround area would be provided. The remaining portion of the existing access road to the existing La Jolla View Reservoir would be demolished, and the area would be revegetated.

Applicant: The City of San Diego, Engineering and Capital Projects

Recommended Finding: The draft EIR concludes that the project would result in: significant and unavoidable environmental impacts with regard to Land Use and Noise. The project would result in less than significant environmental impacts with implementation of mitigation measures to Biological Resources, Historical Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Paleontological Resources.

Availability in Alternative Format: To request this Notice, the draft Environmental Impact Report, and/or supporting documents in alternative format call the Development Services Department at 619-446-5460 or (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

Additional Information: For environmental review information, contact Rachael Ferrell at (619) 446-5129. **For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Project Manager, Catherine Rom, at (619) 446-5277.**

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