

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

for the

City of Compton Water Infrastructure Project, Los Angeles County, California

### **PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering authorizing the award of a Water Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$1,606,000 to the City of Compton to construct Extraction Well No. 20 to ensure potable water is free from contaminants, increase water pressure in the surrounding area and provide production water during drought years reducing the City's reliance on costly imported water from Metropolitan Water District. The project is bounded by Compton Avenue on the west, El Segundo Blvd on the north and W. 130th Street to the south in the City of Compton, Los Angeles County, California.

### **PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION**

The City of Compton's Municipal Water Department maintains approximately 14,300 active service connections, serving a population of 67,000. The city's distribution system includes approximately 45 miles of old, cast iron mains. These older lines account for one-third of the mains in the system and connect to four reservoirs. The City of Compton is proposing to install Extraction Well No. 20, a new water well and pump house, to ensure adequate water supplies are available to the City and potable water is free from contaminants. The water well and pump house would be located on turf in the southwestern corner of Sibrie Park in the northwesterly portion of the city. The Extraction Well No. 20 project will provide a more reliable pipeline main thus reducing leaks and spill into the surrounding environment, increase operational reliability and improve water quality. Extraction Well No. 20 will increase water pressure in the surrounding area and provide production water during drought years reducing the City's reliance on costly imported water from Metropolitan Water District. The proposed improvements are essential to protect water quality and to provide a more reliable water infrastructure system for the City of Compton.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND CONDITIONS**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared that examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project in the City of Compton. After considering a wide range of regulatory, and socio-economic factors, the EA did not identify any significant impacts to the environment resulting from the implementation of this project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW**

The EA is on file, along with other project materials, and is available for public inspection at the EPA Region 9 office in San Francisco, California. Copies of the EA are also available for public review in Compton at the City Clerk’s Office and at the Department of Planning, 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA. 90220. In addition, the EA will be posted on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water>.

Interested persons, including those who disagree with this proposal, may submit comments to EPA Region 9 within 30 calendar days from the date this document is issued. No administrative action will be taken on this proposed project prior to the expiration of this comment period, which ends July 25, 2008. Comments, via letter, fax or email, should be sent to Elizabeth Goldmann at the address listed below.

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After EPA assesses any comments received, those comments, EPA’s responses, and this Finding of No Significant Impact will be forwarded to the Regional Administrator for review and signature. If the Regional Administrator signs this Finding of No Significant Impact, it will not be recirculated for review but will be available to any individual upon request.

**FINDING**

After review of the EA and any comments received, EPA has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for this project.

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Wayne Nastri  
Regional Administrator

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