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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
For the City of Arcadia Longley Well No. 3 and
Camino Real Well No. 3 Project

The Cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre received appropriations from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund water infrastructure projects. A portion of this funding will be used for the construction of the Longley Well No. 3 and the Camino Real Well No. 3 in the City of Arcadia.

The Longley Well No. 3 will be located at the existing Longley Water Facility. It will be designed to pump 1500 gallons per minute (GPM) of drinking water. The Camino Real Well No.3 is located at the existing Camino Real Water facility. It will be designed to pump 2500 (GPM) of drinking water. The goal of these projects is to provide safe and reliable drinking water along with increased emergency and fire suppression capabilities. This project is part of the recommendations from a 1997 study compiled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers identifying future water infrastructure needs. EPA awarded funding for the project as part of a congressional earmark grant.

The EPA has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated June 2009, to evaluate the environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternatives along with the no action alternative. As a result of the EA, EPA has determined the action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The following supports the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA prepared an EA which examined the potential environmental impacts and alternative to the proposed project. The EA considered a wide range of regulatory, environmental and socio-economic factors, including Land Use, Hydrology and Water Quality, Air Quality, Historic and Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Environmental Justice, Noise and Aesthetics. Based on information from the EA, EPA has determined that the proposed project will not pose significant impacts to the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Public Review

The EA is available for public review at the offices of the EPA Southern California Field Office in Los Angeles, CA. In addition, the EA will be posted on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html>.

The EA is also available for public review at the following City of Arcadia locations:

City of Arcadia
Public Works Services Department
11800 Goldring Road
Arcadia, CA 91006

City of Arcadia
Office of City Clerk
240 West Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007

To obtain additional information about the project, please contact Howard Kahan by email at: kahan.howard@epa.gov or by calling (213)244-1819.

All interested persons may submit comments to EPA Region 9 by July 30, 2009. No administrative action will be taken on this proposed project prior to the expiration of the comment period. Comments, via letter, fax or email, should be sent to Howard Kahan at the address listed below.

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After EPA assesses any comments received, those comments, EPA's responses and this FONSI will be forwarded to the Regional Administrator for review and signature. If this FONSI is signed by the Regional Administrator, it will not be re-circulated for review, but will be available to any individual upon request.

Laura Yoshii
Acting Regional Administrator

Date