

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact

Memorial Park Reservoir Project

City of Santa Monica, California

September 2, 2011

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) proposes to disburse funding authorized by Congress to assist the City of Santa Monica, California (City) to improve the City's non-potable water system. The proposed project consists of a 1-million gallon non-potable water reservoir, a non-potable water pumping station and supporting pipelines at a site within Memorial Park and immediately adjacent the park to the west at the Fisher Lumber property. The water reservoir and supporting pipelines will be located underground so existing and/or improved park facilities can be located at grade above the buried reservoirs and pipelines. Within Memorial Park, the proposed underground reservoir would be located beneath the existing tennis courts along the northeast side of 14th Street. The pump station would be above ground in a masonry block building located immediately adjacent the park in an existing parking lot on the western most edge of the Fisher Lumber property.

The environmental assessment (EA) did not identify any significant and unmitigated environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the proposed project. Consequently, U.S. EPA has made the preliminary decision to prepare this finding of no significant impact (FNSI) and not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

The EA can be viewed on the EPA website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated/santamonica> or the City website at:
<http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx?id=9673>.

The EA is also available for public inspection at the U.S. EPA Region 9 (WTR-3) office at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. To make an appointment to review the EA at this office or to obtain additional information about the project, please contact Ephraim D. Leon-Guerrero at (415) 972-3444 or email at leon-guerrero.ephraim@epa.gov.

Copies of the EA are also available for public review at the City of Santa Monica Office of the City Clerk, Room 102 in Santa Monica City Hall, located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday, and at the Santa Monica City Library located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA.

Comments on the FNSI must be submitted to U.S. EPA and received by October 2, 2011. No administrative action will be taken by U.S. EPA on this project during the comment period.