

# Public Notice

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## PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF EXISTING GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA.

30-Day Public Comment Period: August 1 through August 30, 2013.

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jesus Cruz al número (916) 255-3315.

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED:** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on the initial study for a proposed modification of the existing groundwater treatment plant located in South El Monte, California. The proposed modification will allow the distribution of treated water to the San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) for drinking water use. The project involves the approval of design documents for modification of the existing groundwater treatment plant.

The modifications would include construction of a storage tank, booster pump station, a connection between the tank and SGVWC's distribution system (located immediately adjacent to the treatment plant along Durfee Avenue), an emergency connection to the City of Whittier's drinking water distribution system, and relocation of the current chlorination unit. Contingent modifications include the addition of a treatment unit for 1,4-dioxane and the removal or mothballing of up to 18 liquid-phase granular activated carbon vessels. Construction for the tank, booster pump station, and emergency connection, relocation of the chlorination unit, and the contingent modifications are entirely within the existing plant boundary. Construction for the pipeline to connect the SGVWC distribution line to the treatment plant may extend into Durfee Avenue.

DTSC has conducted a review of the proposed construction activities in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on that review DTSC has determined that implementation of the project could potentially result in biological impacts. However, a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be prepared to reduce this potential impact to a less than significant level.

**Why This Notice and How You Can Participate:** A copy of the draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the Rosemead Library 8800 Valley Boulevard, Rosemead, CA 91770, the West Covina Library 1601 West Covina Parkway, West Covina, CA 91790, and is also located at the DTSC file room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio, phone: (714) 484-5337, or visit the DTSC EnviroStor website at: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/)

**Where To Send Comments:** Comments concerning the draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Christine Bucklin, Project Manager (PM) at DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA 90630, e-mail [cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cbucklin@dtsc.ca.gov). All comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by August 30, 2013. DTSC has not scheduled a public meeting for this project. For more information, please contact Christine Bucklin (714) 484-5393 or Tim Chauvel, Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5487. For media enquiries, contact Sandy Nax, (916) 327-6114.