

CHAPTER 1.0

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Draft Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant 2020 Facilities Plan Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (District No. 14) was completed and released for public review on September 30, 2003 pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The public review period lasted over 45 days, officially closing on November 18, 2003. A public hearing to solicit comments was held on October 29, 2003 at the City Council Chambers in the City of Lancaster. An additional community meeting was held at the same location on November 20, 2003. Sixty-nine comment letters were received on the Draft EIR during the comment period. Eleven of these were from Responsible Agencies and the remaining comments were from concerned individuals. In addition, 30 form letters and a petition with 270 signatures were received opposing Storage Reservoir Study Area 3. This chapter provides responses to each comment received.

This section is organized as follows:

- Section 1.2 describes the recommended project
- Section 1.3 summarizes the CEQA process
- Section 1.4 provides Master Responses for certain issues that were mentioned repeatedly in comments on the EIR.
- Section 1.5 provides bracketed comments and responses to comment letters received from Responsible Agencies
- Section 1.6 provides bracketed comments and responses to comment letters received from individuals (non-Leisure Lake residents)
- Section 1.7 provides bracketed comments and responses to comment letters received from Leisure Lake residents
- Section 1.8 provides bracketed comments and responses to comments received during the public hearing conducted on October 29, 2003
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1.2 RECOMMENDED PROJECT

In response to comments received on the Draft EIR, County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (District No. 14) revised the Recommended Project from Alternative 1 to Alternative 2. Alternative 2 involves the following actions:

- upgrade and expansion of the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant's (LWRP) treatment capacity by constructing 26 million gallons per day (mgd) of primary, conventional activated sludge secondary (operated in nitrification / denitrification mode), tertiary, and biosolids handling facilities (and decommissioning the existing oxidation ponds);
- acquisition and/or leasing of 4,650 acres of land for agricultural reuse operations using recycled water; and
- acquisition of 750 acres of land for the siting and construction of recycled water storage reservoirs.

1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

On September 30, 2003, District No. 14 (Lead Agency) released the Draft EIR for public review (State Clearinghouse No. 2001021127). The public review and comment period on the Draft EIR began on September 30, 2003 and closed on November 18, 2003. District No. 14 will hold a public hearing to certify the Final LWRP 2020 Plan EIR (Final EIR).

The Final EIR is an informational document prepared by the Lead Agency that must be considered by the decision-makers before approving or denying a proposed project. CEQA Guidelines (Section 15132) specify the following:

The Final EIR shall consist of:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of the draft;
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary;
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR;
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and
- (e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

This document has been prepared pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines.