



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: July 17, 2024
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties
LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT: Valencia Water Reclamation Plant Middle Section Retaining Wall Ground Improvement Project (SCH No. 2023110644)
REVIEW PERIOD: July 17, 2024 through September 3, 2024

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) is proposing the construction of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant (VWRP) Middle Section Retaining Wall Ground Improvement Project (proposed project) (see Figure 1). As the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, the SCVSD has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. SCVSD is requesting input on the Draft EIR from public agencies, residents, and other interested project stakeholders. The contents of this Notice of Availability have been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project would occur along the western boundary of the VWRP which is located at 28185 The Old Road in an urbanized area in unincorporated Los Angeles County, as shown on Figure 1. The project area is located west of the VWRP and is bound by The Old Road to the north and adjacent commercial businesses to the northeast, the Santa Clara River (SCR) to the west and south, and Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park to the southwest beyond the SCR. The proposed project would impact approximately 3.26 acres just outside of the VWRP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SCVSD has determined through recent studies that under a Capital Flood event, the VWRP has the potential to be exposed to erosion along approximately 1,000 feet of the middle section of the existing retaining wall along the western VWRP boundary after flooding due to scour. If the wall is undermined by scour or damaged by a significant earthquake event, VWRP facilities may be damaged or destroyed thereby disrupting essential services and adversely affecting public health and the environment. The proposed project includes a new underground retaining wall structure to fortify the middle section of the wall and protect the VWRP during a flood scour event and design-level earthquake. In addition, the proposed project includes updates to two existing outfall structures (Figure 1) and the addition of riprap along the southern portion of the project area. A maintenance area would be cleared around the existing VWRP outfall structures for long-term maintenance of the outfall structures (Figure 1).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: This Draft EIR describes the environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests mitigation measures, where necessary, to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. All potentially significant impacts were determined to be mitigated to less than significant levels with incorporation of mitigation measures.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: SCVSD is soliciting comments from the public regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will be used by SCVSD when considering approval of the proposed project. SCVSD has established a 49-day review period compliant with the requirement of Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code. The review period begins **July 17, 2024 and ends September 3, 2024**. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to Mandy Huffman at the mailing and/or email address shown by **5:00 PM on September 3, 2024**. A contact name and return address or email address should be included with your comments.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available online at the SCVSD website (<https://www.lacsdsd.org/documents/other/documents-for-public-review>). A hardcopy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the City of Santa Clarita Valencia Branch Library at 23743 West Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Joint Administration Office at 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601.

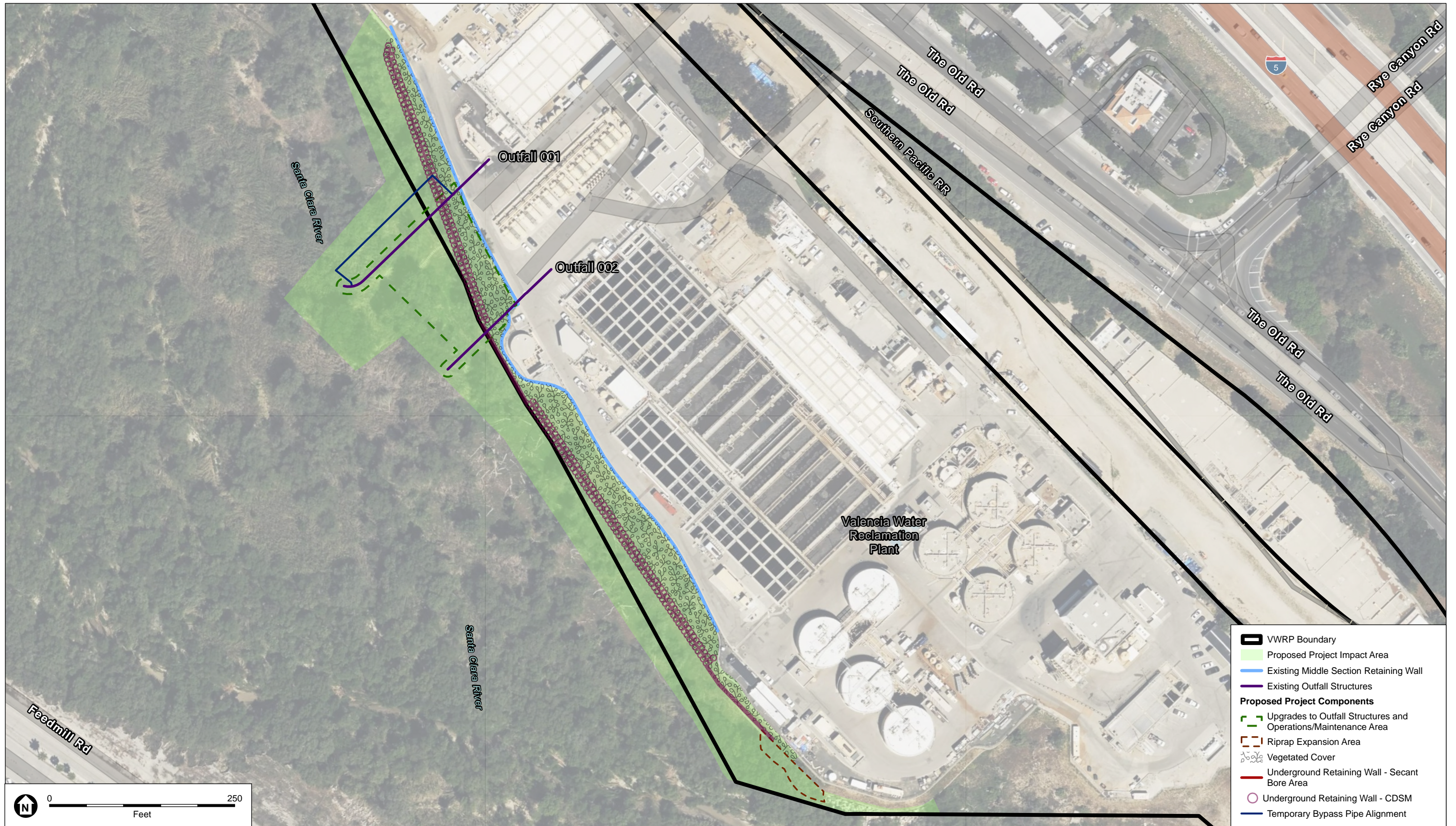
PUBLIC MEETING: Two public meetings will be held on August 14, 2024. One virtual public meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and a second public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in person at The Centre. Both public meetings will include a brief presentation, providing an overview of the proposed project and the CEQA process. Verbal comments may be made during the meetings.

Virtual Public Meeting Details

Date: August 14, 2024
Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
Zoom: <https://bit.ly/VWRPScopingMtg>
Telephone Dial-in: (888) 788-0099
Meeting ID: 821 7704 1046

In-Person Public Meeting Details

Date: August 14, 2024
Start Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: The Centre—Oak Room
20880 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91350



SOURCE: ESA, 2024

VWRP Middle Section Retaining Wall Ground Improvement Project

Figure 1
Proposed Project Components

