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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).