

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS METROPOLITAN WATER TANKS #1  
AND #2 REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Department of State Hospitals Metropolitan Water Tanks #1 and #2 Replacement Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project is located within the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Metropolitan State Hospital campus located at 11401 Bloomfield Avenue in Norwalk, Los Angeles County, California. The project site is located at the northeastern corner of Balsam Street and 9th Street (Assessor's Identification Number [AIN] 8025-003-902).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** As the Lead Agency, the DSH has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed replacement of two existing water tanks at the Metropolitan State Hospital campus (Project). The IS/MND has been prepared to provide the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the Project.

The Project would demolish the two existing 22-foot-tall, 750,000-gallon-capacity water tanks and the existing nonpotable water pumphouse, which is located behind Tank #2. The existing water tanks would be replaced by two new 40-foot-tall (maximum height), 80-foot-diameter, 1,000,000-gallon-capacity water tanks. The Project would also replace piping, valving, and appurtenances associated with the new water tanks and existing pumphouses and would verify/complete connections from the existing 12-inch firewater main along Balsam Street and South Circle Drive to the existing sprinkler system supply lines in the hospital campus' central kitchen, administration building, and skilled nursing facility. The new Tank #1 would serve as the primary domestic water storage tank for the hospital campus. The new Tank #2 would serve as a fire water storage tank and would be connected to the existing fire pumps on site to supply the campus with water for firefighting needs.

The DSH has prepared this IS/MND to examine the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Project. This document explains why the Project is being proposed, how the existing environment could be affected by the Project, the potential impacts of each proposed activity, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 8, 2025, to September 8, 2025**

**WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:** For additional information, please contact Jennifer Parson, Senior Environmental Planner, at (916) 376-1604.

**HOW TO REVIEW AND COMMENT:** The Draft IS/MND is available for viewing or downloading on CEQAnet Web Portal (<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>; search Metropolitan Water Tanks #1 And #2 Replacement Project). Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received no later than September 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm. (a 30-day

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public review period). Please send written comments on the IS/MND to:

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