

Notice of Preparation

Date: July 30, 2008

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FROM: Western Municipal Water District
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SUBJECT: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report**

Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the SEIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

WMWD is currently seeking information from agencies and individuals who are potentially affected by the proposed project or who have knowledge about resources in the project area. Information received in response to the notice of preparation will be considered in determining the scope and content of the detailed environmental analysis that will be presented in the draft environmental impact report. Due to time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

PROJECT TITLE: Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment

PROJECT LOCATION: Street rights-of-way located in the unincorporated Jurupa area of Riverside County, portions of San Bernardino County, and cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Riverside, and across the Santa Ana River. (See attached figure.) The project site is also described as being located within portions of Township 1 South, Range 4 West; Township 1 South, Range 5 West; Township 2 South, Range 5 West; Township 2 South, Range 6 West; Township 3 South, Range 5 West; and Township 3 South, Range 6 West; all in San Bernardino Base & Meridian. (From approximately Latitude/Longitude: 34°04' 47" North/117° 17' 18" West to approximately Latitude/Longitude: 33°54' 21" North/117° 25' 25" West.)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The construction and operation of an alternate alignment consisting of approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline as part of the Riverside-Corona Feeder project.

A more detailed project description and location are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the initial study is attached. On the basis of the Initial Study, the following areas have been identified as involving at least one impact that is potentially significant and will be addressed in the forthcoming SEIR: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and

Planning, and Noise. The SEIR will also address the mandatory topics as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Please send your response to Jack Safely at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

7/25/2008
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION

In addition to receiving written comments during the 30-day Notice of Preparation review period, WMWD is conducting a public scoping meeting in accordance with Section 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines to allow for direct consultation.

The public scoping meeting will be held:

Monday, August 11, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.
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If you have any questions concerning the scoping meeting please contact Richard J. MacHott, Principal Environmental Planner at Albert A. Webb Associates at (951) 686-1070 or by e-mail at richard.machott@webbassociates.com.

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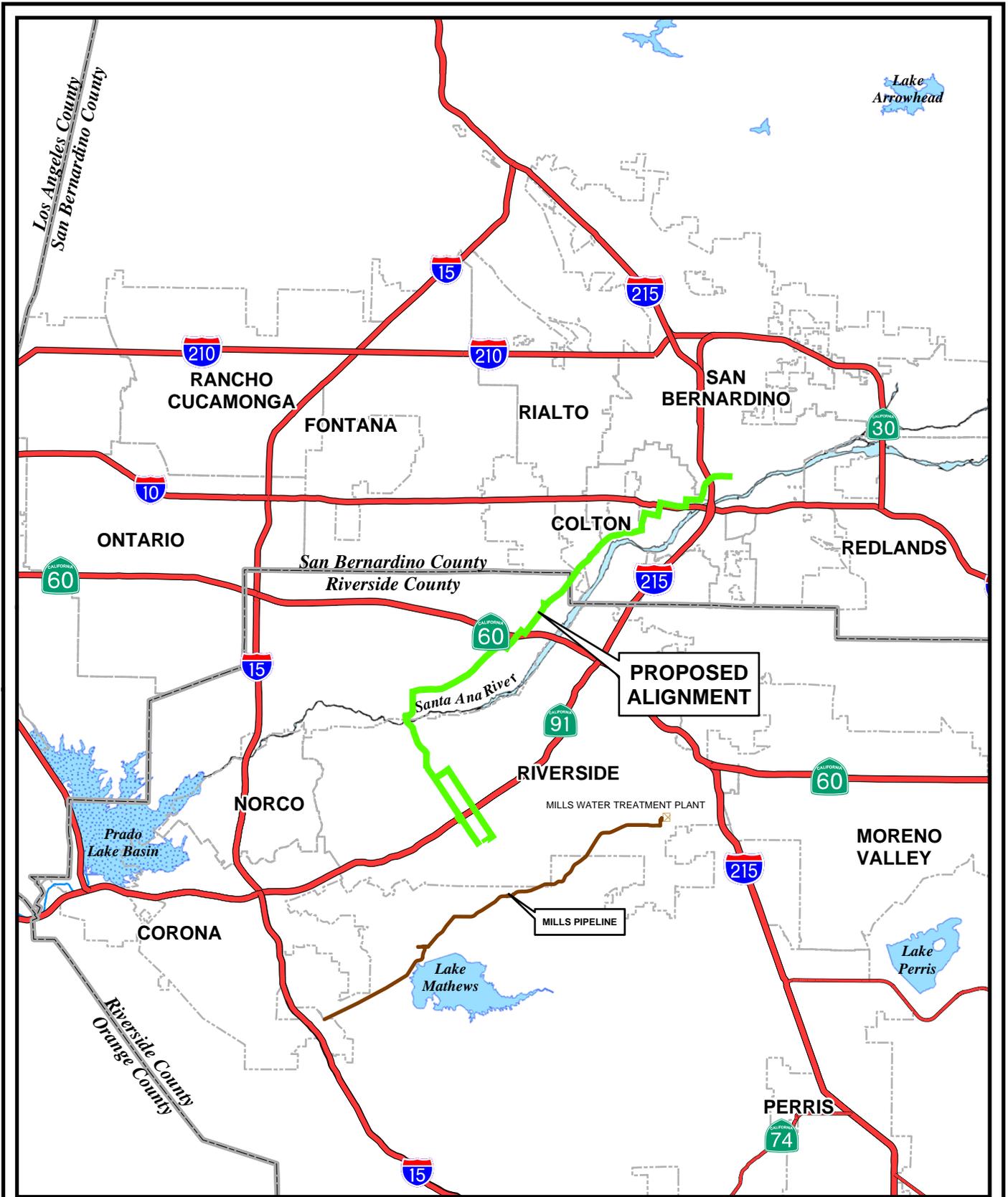
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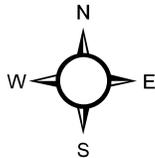
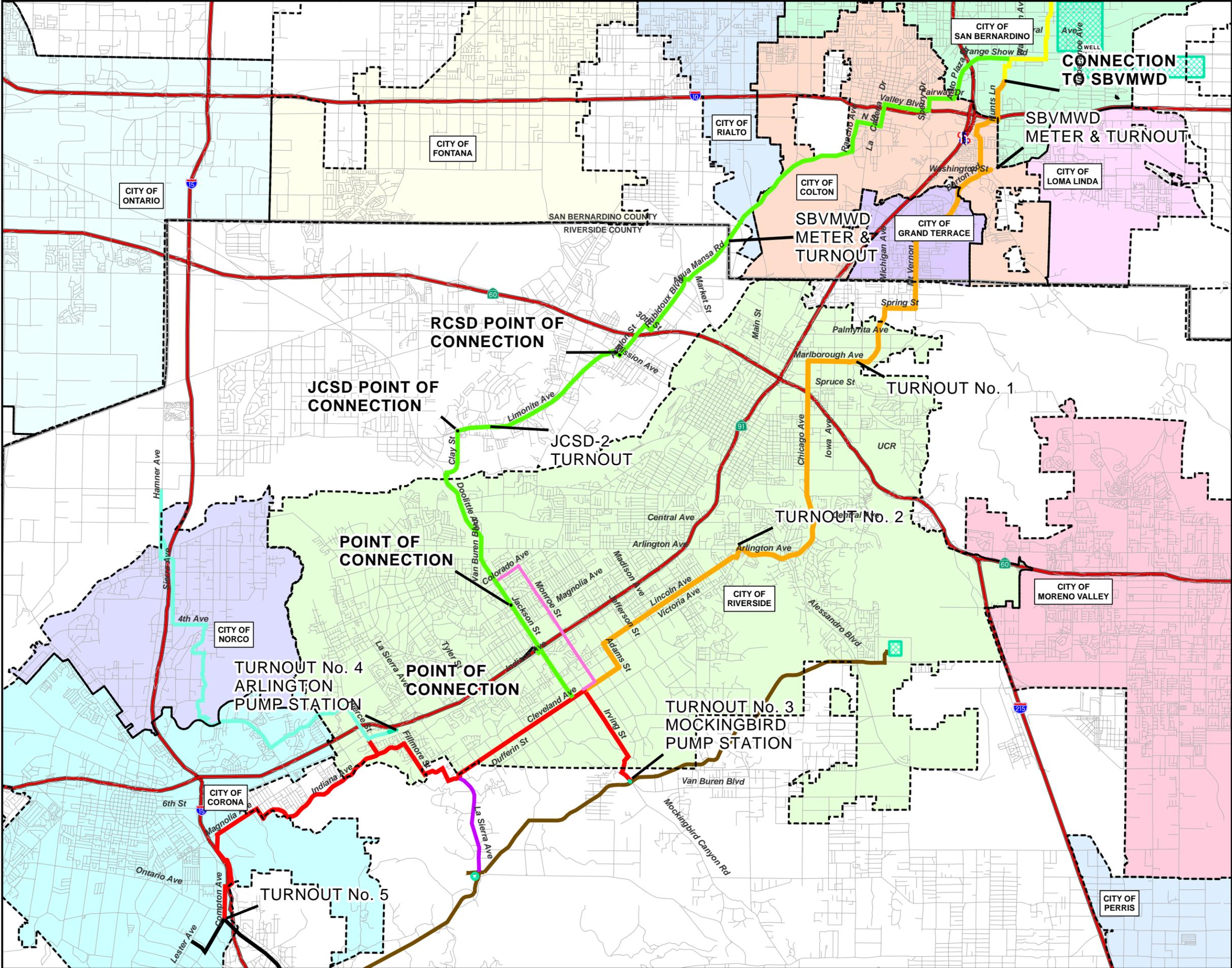


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INTRODUCTION

This Initial Study has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*) and the state CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 *et seq.*). Western Municipal Water District (“District”) will serve as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) was formed in 1954 in order to bring supplemental water to growing western Riverside County and currently serves wholesale customers and approximately 24,000 direct retail connections. WMWD’s service area encompasses the cities of Riverside, Norco, Corona, and portions of Murrieta, Temecula and the communities of Jurupa, Rubidoux, and Elsinore Valley. The WMWD service area also includes the Lee Lake Water District, the Box Springs Mutual Water Company, and the Eagle Valley Mutual Company Water. WMWD’s service area consists of 527-square miles and a population of more than 853,000 (WMWD).

As a regional water wholesaler within the County of Riverside, WMWD is obligated to address long-term water demand and meet the future needs of a rapidly growing service area. An adequate potable water distribution network is critical in WMWD’s ability to provide water to satisfy anticipated future demand. The Riverside-Corona Feeder Project (RCF) will be used to deliver water from the Riverside and San Bernardino County groundwater basins to communities throughout western Riverside County during drought and emergency periods (see **Figure 1, Regional Location**). The purpose of the RCF is to improve the reliability of WMWD’s water supply; to reduce possible water shortages during dry years; to reduce dependence upon the direct delivery of imported water during dry year conditions; to improve groundwater quality; to deliver available imported water to its customers; and to contribute to the Upper Santa Ana Watershed effort to become drought-proof and self-sufficient.

The proposed infrastructure will allow WMWD to purchase water when it is available from the State Water Project and store that water in the San Bernardino Basin Area and Chino Basin and to extract the water from the basins when it is needed. The facilities may also be used to convey local water supplies pursuant to rights held by the City of Riverside and the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and deliver treated imported water to wholesale customers. This project will make WMWD less dependent on the direct delivery of water from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) during dry hydrologic years.

The *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Western Municipal Water District Riverside-Corona Feeder Project* (SCH: 2003031121) was certified on May 18, 2005. This document summarizes a revised alignment for a portion of the RCF identified in the Program EIR. The original alignment is shown on **Figure 2, Proposed Project w/ Previous Alignment/Location**. The proposed alignment totals approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline that

will be routed along public streets in the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County (see **Figure 2**).

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT

The proposed alignment will extend approximately 42,560 linear feet from near the intersection of Waterman Avenue and Orange Show Road in the city of San Bernardino, traversing west in Orange Show Road/Auto Plaza Drive under the I-215 freeway, then south to Fairway Drive, west in Fairway Drive to Sperry Drive, south in Sperry Drive to Valley Boulevard, then west in Valley Boulevard to La Cadena Drive, and south in La Cadena Drive. The proposed alignment continues south along La Cadena Drive to “N” Street, then west in “N” Street to South Rancho Avenue, south in South Rancho Avenue to Agua Mansa Road, then southwest in Agua Mansa Road to Market Street, west in Market Street to Rubidoux Boulevard, southwest in Rubidoux Boulevard to 30th Street, then northwest in 30th Street to Avalon Street. The alignment continues southwest along Avalon Street, under State Route 60, to Mission Boulevard. The alignment then traverses west in Mission Boulevard from the intersection of Avalon Street to Riverview Drive/Limonite Avenue. It then traverses south in Riverside Drive/Limonite Avenue to 42nd Street and continues southwest along Limonite Avenue, then south in Clay Street and crosses under the Santa Ana River near Van Buren Boulevard.

South of the Santa Ana River, the alignment crosses under Van Buren Boulevard to Doolittle Avenue and then to Van Buren Boulevard and continues south in Van Buren Boulevard. The alignment then traverses southeast in Jackson Street, west in Diana Avenue to Wilbur Street, then south under State Route 91. South of State Route 91, the alignment continues northeast in Indiana Avenue, then southeast in Jackson Street, and connects to the approved RCF alignment near the intersection of Jackson Street and Cleveland Street.

As an alternative to the Jackson Street alignment, the placement of a portion of the project within Monroe Street is also being considered. The Monroe Street alignment would follow the above-described alignment from Van Buren Boulevard southeast in Jackson Street only to Colorado Avenue. At that point the alignment will continue northeast in Colorado Avenue to Monroe Street, then southeast in Monroe Street, under the State Route 91, and continuing to the intersection of Monroe Street and Cleveland Avenue. At that point, the alignment would continue southwest in Cleveland Avenue to connect with the approved Riverside-Corona Feeder alignment at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Irving Street (see **Figure 2, Proposed Project w/ Previous Alignment/Location.**)

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Land Use

The proposed alignment will be constructed in the rights-of-way of existing roads, under I-10 and State Route 60 and State Route 91, and under the Santa Ana River. The proposed project will affect properties in several planning jurisdictions with a variety of land use and zoning designations; including portions of unincorporated Riverside County, the city of San Bernardino, the city of Colton, the city of Rialto, unincorporated San Bernardino County, and the city of

Riverside (Figure 1, Regional Location). Land use designations of potentially affected properties are presented below.

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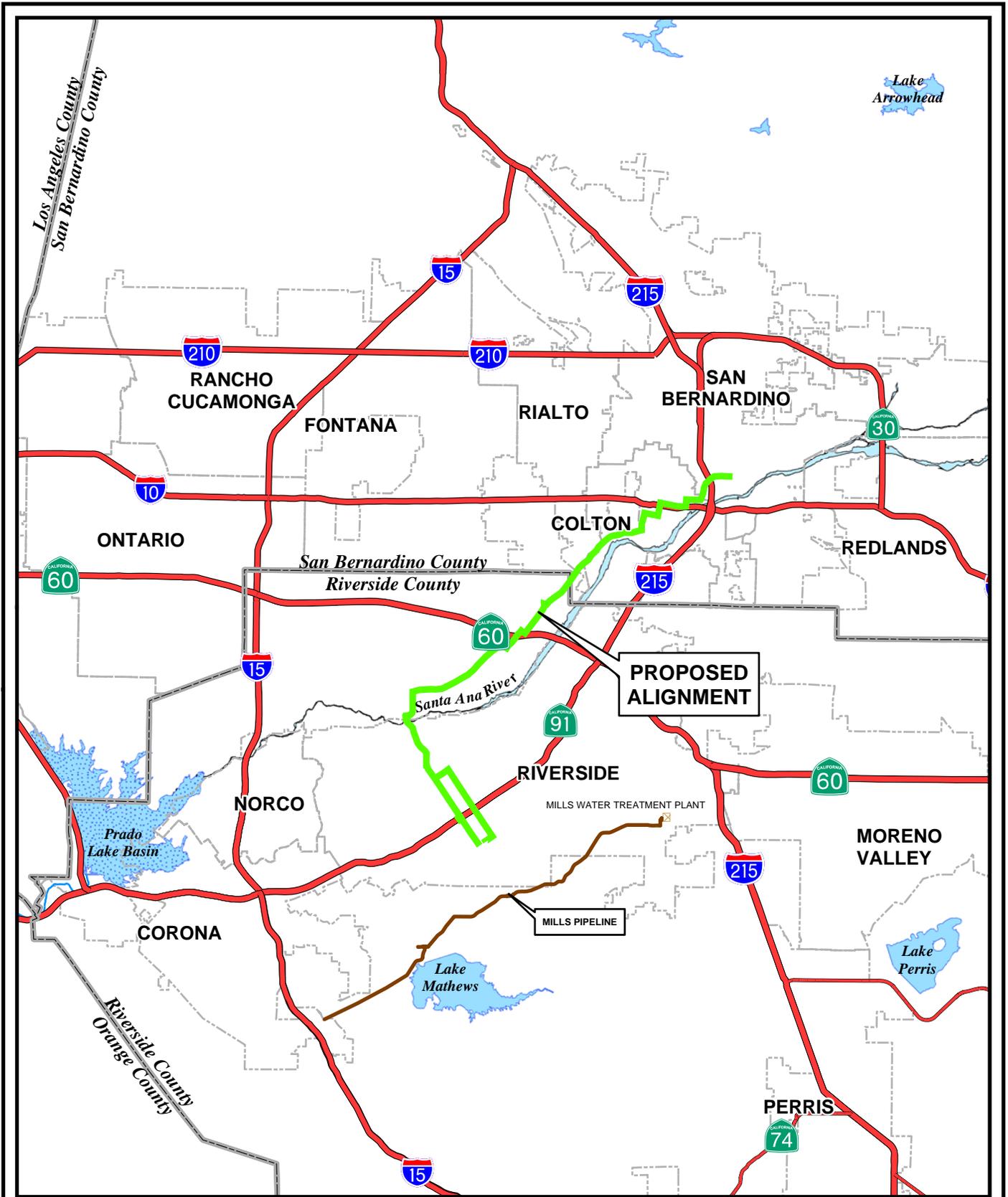
Topography

The project area is characterized by several distinct topographic areas: floodplains, flat terraces and hilly areas with elevations up to approximately 400 feet (USGS 1-3).

The city of San Bernardino's northern limit is defined by an irregular line which runs along the lower elevations of the San Bernardino Mountains. On the south, the city is bounded by the Santa Ana River. The pipeline portion of the project is proposed to extend south from a point just north of the Santa Ana River between Interstate 215 and Tippecanoe Avenue, in the city of San Bernardino and across the Santa Ana River Floodplain.

Most of the city of Colton is flat with overall slopes of less than 5 percent. The southern portion is dominated by relatively steep hills and broadly terraced escarpments; however, the pipeline portion of the project will traverse relatively flat, floodplain terrain in the southwest of the city near the city of Rialto (USGS 1).

The pipeline portion of the proposed project will traverse through portions of the county of Riverside that can generally be characterized as having moderately sloped terrain, except in the drainage bottoms, which are fairly deeply incised.



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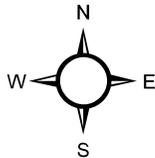
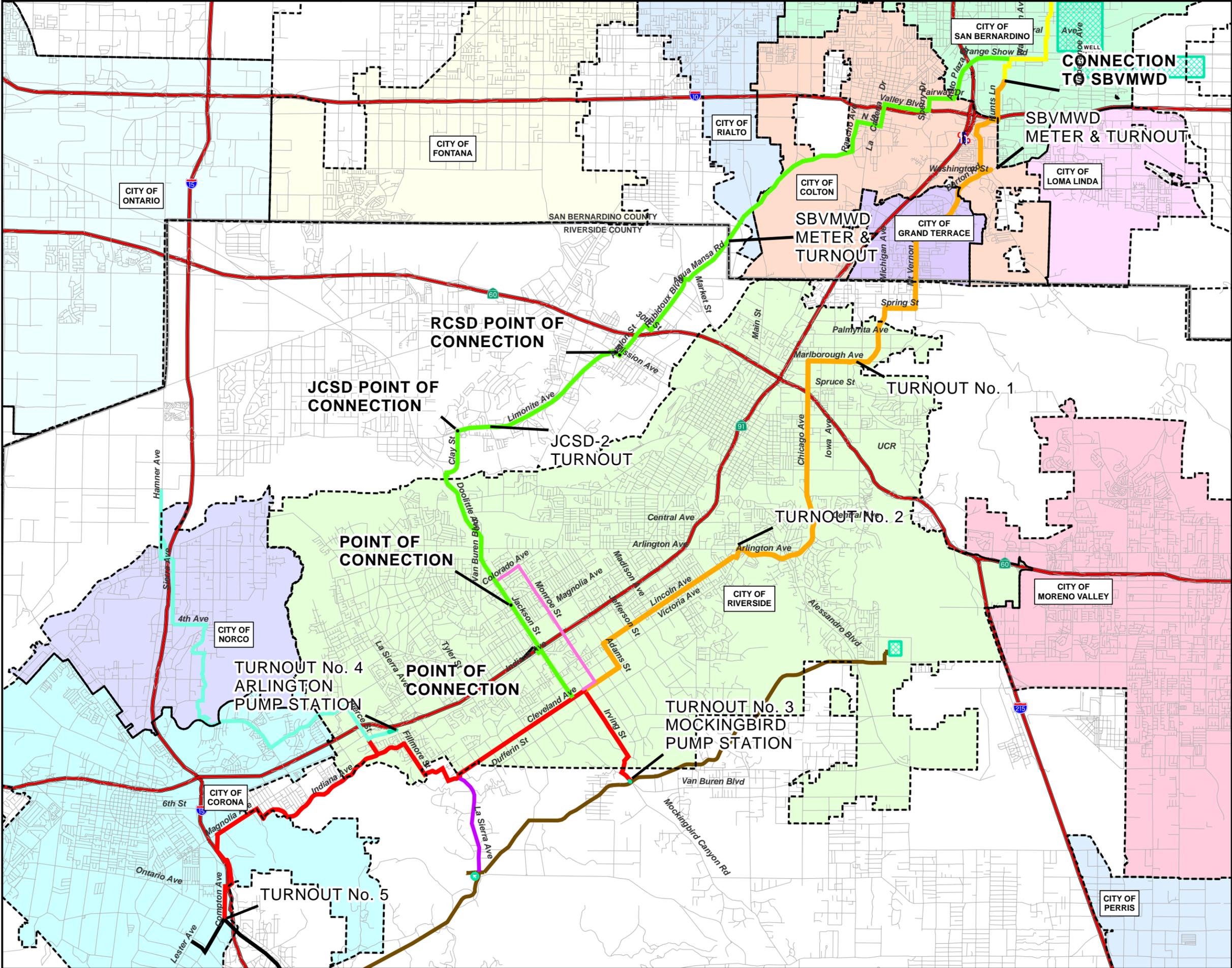


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Topography in the city of Riverside consists of alluvial plain and rolling hills. Principal areas of slope of 15% or greater include the Box Springs Mountains, Alessandro Heights and the Norco Hills. The proposed project will not encroach into any of these areas that may require special design attention.

Seismic Hazards

The proposed alignment is located in a seismically active region. As is the case for most areas of southern California, ground-shaking resulting from the earthquakes associated with nearby and more distant faults may occur at the project site. The project site is located in Seismic Zone 4. Seismic Zone 4 includes those areas of California that have experienced major (Richter magnitude greater than seven) historic earthquakes and high levels of recent seismicity.

Hydrology

The proposed project is located within the Santa Ana River Drainage Province and, more specifically, the Santa Ana River Hydrologic Unit. The drainage province is subdivided into consecutively smaller drainage areas. The Santa Ana River Drainage Province is a group of connected inland basins and open coastal basins drained by surface streams flowing generally southwest to the Pacific Ocean. The proposed project will cross under the Santa Ana River and several smaller drainages.

Biology

The project area is primarily urban and residential. There are, however, small areas of agriculture, nonnative grassland, coastal sage scrub, riparian and chaparral habitats present in the project vicinity (MSHCP 2). The majority of natural habitats in the proposed project area are highly to moderately disturbed by development.

Portions of the proposed project are within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) area. The purpose of the MSHCP is to provide for open space and to preserve natural resources, protecting some sensitive habitat areas, while permitting development and growth in other less sensitive areas. The MSHCP attempts to ensure habitat conservation, species protection and management, and development certainty to the following entities: the county of Riverside and municipalities; state and federal wildlife agencies; development, agriculture, and environmental organizations; and the public at large.

Several sensitive wildlife and plant species are known within the project area. Out of those sensitive species, several have been listed in state and federal lists of Threatened and Endangered species that included the following: Wildlife: arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo californicus*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*), San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*), Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*). Plants: marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*), slender-horned spinyflower (*Dodecahema leptoceras*), Gambel's watercress (*Rorippa gambelli*),

Braunton's milk-vetch (*Astragalus brauntoni*), Munz's onion (*Allium munzi*), Santa Ana River woollystar (*Eriastrum densifolium ssp. Sanctorum*) (DFG, CNPS).

Critical habitats have been designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Munz's onion, California gnatcatcher, arroyo southwestern toad, California red-legged frog, least Bell's vireo, and Stephens' kangaroo rat.

Two fully protected species - golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) and the white-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus majusculus*) have been recorded in the MSHCP planning area. There are no breeding location records for the golden eagle. However, it is known that breeding locations occur within the planning area of MSCHP in relatively low numbers. Because most of the records are likely to be observations of birds in flight, even the habitats recorded as residential for the record may be extant and may coincide with an over flight. The location database confirms that the species is present within the planning area, is at relatively low numbers but is regularly observed. The location database for the white-tailed kite includes a total of 213 records. Six of these records represent recent surveys within the Lake Mathews area, which is in a 10-mile distance from the proposed project site. The rest of the data records are associated with such habitats as non-native grassland, sage scrub, oak woodland, chaparral, disturbed alluvial, riparian, alkali playa, and field croplands.

Wildlife common to the project area include species that are typically accustomed to human presence. Common birds such as crows, ravens, doves, mockingbirds and meadowlarks characterize the project area. Common small mammals expected to occur on or near the site include mice, squirrels and cottontail rabbits.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

Project Title:

Riverside-Corona Feeder Project

Lead Agency Name and Address:

Western Municipal Water District
450 Alessandro Avenue
Riverside, CA 92508

Contact Persons and Phone Numbers:

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Project Location:

Street rights-of-ways located in the unincorporated Jurupa area of Riverside County, portions of San Bernardino County, and cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Riverside, and across the Santa Ana River. See Figure 2, attached.

Project Sponsor's Name and Address:

Western Municipal Water District
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General Plan Designation:

The proposed project will affect properties in several planning jurisdictions with a variety of land use and zoning designations; including the city of San Bernardino, the city of Colton, the city of Rialto, portions of unincorporated San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, and the city of Riverside. Land use designations of potentially affected properties are presented below.

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Description of Project:

The construction and operation of an alternate alignment of the Riverside-Corona Feeder project.

Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:

The proposed alignment will be constructed in the rights-of-way of existing roads, under I-10 and State Route 60, and under the Santa Ana River. The proposed project will affect properties in several planning jurisdictions with a variety of land use and zoning designations; including portions of unincorporated Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, the city of San Bernardino, the city Colton, the city of Rialto, and the city of Riverside.

Other Public Agencies Whose Approval May Be Required:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- A 404 permit will be required if the proposed project involves fill or work in the definable bed, bank or channel (as indicated by the ordinary high water mark) of the Santa Ana River and any other stream or drainage feature due to installation of a pipeline crossing.

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (RWQCB)

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Permits will be required.
- A 401 Permit will be required if the proposed project involves fill in the definable bed, bank or channel of the Santa Ana River or any other drainage feature.
- A Waste Discharge Permit will be required if ground dewatering is necessary during tunneling activities.

California Department of Fish and Game

- A 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement will be required.
- A California Endangered Species Act (CESA) permit will be required if the project results in the “take” of a state listed threatened or endangered species.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

- Either a Section 7 or a Section 10(a) consultation (relative to federal involvement in the project) will be required if the project results in the “take” of a federally listed threatened or endangered species.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

- Encroachment permits for crossings of State Route 60, State Route 91, and Interstate 10 will be required.
- Water Pollution Control Plans (WPCP) will also be required.

South Coast Air Quality Management

- The project will be required to comply with District Rule 403 requirements controlling construction related fugitive dust emissions.

Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railways

- Encroachment permits will be required for rail line crossings.

San Bernardino and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts

- Encroachment permits will be required for boring underneath the Santa Ana River and other drainage channels.

Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, and Cities of San Bernardino, Riverside, Colton, Rialto

- Encroachment permits will be required to construct the pipeline in road/rights-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology / Soils
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation / Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance	

Determination on the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.



I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Jack S. Safely
Signature

7/25/2008
Date

Jack Safely
Printed Name

Western Municipal Water District
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Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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B. Agricultural Resources

Would the Project:

1) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CRiGP)

The proposed alignment does not cross through and will not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as shown on maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use. The proposed water pipeline will be buried and will not impact agricultural resources. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: FMMP, RivGIS)

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965, also known as the Williamson Act, allows owners of agricultural land to have their properties assessed for tax purposes on the basis of agricultural production rather than current market value. Agricultural preserves are designated as conservation areas and allow agriculture and associated uses (including limited commercial, industrial and single-family residential use) and open space.

The proposed project will not conflict with existing agricultural zoning or any Williamson Act contracts, as there are none located within the project area. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River where there is no agricultural usage. The proposed project consists of the construction of a water transmission pipeline. The project will not bring potable water into areas that do not currently have potable water. Therefore, the project will not result in changes in the existing environment that may result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural uses. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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C. Air Quality

Would the project:

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| 1) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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(Source: SCAQMD, AQMP)

The proposed project site is within the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) which is in the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The SCAQMD establishes the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the SCAB, which sets forth a comprehensive program that will lead the SCAB into compliance with all federal and state air quality standards. To achieve compliance with these standards, the AQMP establishes control measures and emission reductions based upon future development scenarios derived from land use, population, and employment characteristics defined in consultation with local governments. Accordingly, a project's conformance with the AQMP is determined by demonstrating that it is consistent with the local land use plans and/or population projections that were used in the AQMP. **A project-specific air quality analysis will be conducted for the proposed project and the project's consistency with air quality standards will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

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| 2) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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(Source: Project proposal, SCAQMD)

The proposed project will involve the construction of approximately 20 miles of pipeline. Air quality impacts associated with the proposed project can be described in a short-term and long-term perspective. Short-term air emissions will occur during project construction. Long-term air emissions will occur once the project facilities are in use. **A project-specific air quality analysis will be conducted for the proposed project and the project's consistency with air quality standards will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

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| 3) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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(Source: AQMP, SCAQMD)

The California Air Resources Board maintains records as to the pollutant standard attainment status of air basins throughout the state, for both state and federal criteria. The portion of the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) within which the proposed project is located is designated as a non-attainment area for ozone and PM₁₀ under state and federal standards. **A project specific Air Quality Impact Analysis will be prepared for the proposed project. Projected emissions associated with of the proposed Project and their relationship to**

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recommended SCAQMD thresholds, as well as potential cumulative air impacts, will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR

4) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: Project proposal)

Sensitive receptors include existing residential and school uses along the pipeline route. However, emissions will only occur in the project area during project construction. Long-term emissions are not expected to be significant and will be dispersed at electricity generating facilities. Considering the short-term duration and quantity of construction emissions in the project area, the project will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: Project proposal)

The project presents the potential for generation of objectionable odors during project construction. Recognizing the relative location, the short-term duration of construction, the quantity of estimated emissions, and the direction of prevailing winds, the proposed project will not subject a substantial number of people to objectionable odors. Potential impacts are considered less than significant. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

D. Biological Resources

Would the project:

1) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRiGP, CRivGP, CRGP, SBCGP, MSHCP, DFG, CNPS)

Potential habitat for several federally and state endangered species - arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo californicus*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*), slender-horned spineflower (*Dodecahema leptoceras*), Gambel's water cress (*Rorippa gambelli*), Braunton's milk-vetch (*Astragalus brauntoni*), Munz's onion (*Allium munzi*) – and habitat for numerous special status species have been identified in the project area (MSHCP, CNPS, DFG). Construction of portions of the proposed pipeline could affect these habitats. **Potential impacts to candidate or special**

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status species as a result of the proposed project will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.

2) **Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?**

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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRiGP, CRivGP, CRGP, DFG, CNPS)

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River. This portion of the alignment has the potential to affect riparian habitat, non-native grassland, and coastal sage scrub communities. **This issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) **Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?**

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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CRiGP, DFG, CNPS)

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River. The proposed project has the potential to affect blue-line streams due to the portion of the pipeline that will be constructed under the Santa Ana River. **This issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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4) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: MSHCP1)

The proposed project is essentially surrounded by existing development, and therefore it is highly unlikely that the subject site occupies an important location relative to regional wildlife movement. Additionally, the proposed Project alignment is not located in an area under consideration as an important reserve or corridor under the ongoing Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). However, a small portion of the pipeline will be constructed beneath the Santa Ana River, a major riparian corridor in the project area. **Potential impacts to the Santa Ana River as a migratory wildlife corridor will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CRGP, MSHCP1, MSHCP2)

Riverside County has prepared and approved the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, which was designed to protect 146 species and their associated habitats throughout western Riverside County. Part of the proposed project is located within the jurisdiction of the MSHCP. **Potential conflicts with the MSCHP and other local ordinances within the project area will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CRGP, MSHCP1, DOI)

The project site is within the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The purpose of the MSHCP is to provide for open space and to preserve natural resources, protecting some sensitive habitat areas, while permitting development and growth in other, less sensitive areas. The MSHCP attempts to ensure habitat conservation, species protection and management, and development certainty to following entities: the County of Riverside and municipalities; state and federal wildlife agencies; development, agriculture, and environmental habitats; and the public at large. **The proposed project’s consistency with the MSHCP will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Portions of the project area are covered under the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat (SKR) of Riverside County. Riverside County Ordinance No. 663 establishes the fees and mitigation measures for appropriate development projects covered under this Habitat Conservation Plan. According to Section 10 (f) of Riverside County Ordinance No. 663, public utility transmission facilities are exempt from paying fees. Therefore the pipeline portion of the project proposed within Riverside County will be exempt from paying mitigation fees for potential impacts to SKR habitat; **however, consistency of the proposed project with the Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

E. Cultural Resources

Would the project:

- 1) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?

(Sources: CSBGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CCGP, CRiGP)

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River. The pipeline will be constructed through a previously developed area and historical resources may be located in the vicinity of the alignment. **A Cultural Resources Report will be prepared and this issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

- 2) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?

(Sources: CSBGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CCGP)

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River. Construction of the proposed Project may potentially impact known or unknown archaeological resources in the project area. **A Cultural Resources Report will be prepared and this issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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3) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: CSBGP, CRiGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CCGP, CRGP, SBCGP)

The majority of the pipeline will be constructed within road rights-of-way and it is unlikely that vertebrate and/or invertebrate paleontological resources are present or would be disturbed at the proposed project site. However, if, vertebrate and/or invertebrate paleontological resources are discovered during construction, the Lead Agency shall implement standard procedures, as identified in the applicable General Plan, for evaluating and appropriately treating paleontological resources. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR**

4) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CSBGP, CRiGP, CRivGP, CRGP, CCGP, CRGP)

The proposed Project site is not expected to disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries. The majority of the proposed Project would be constructed within existing road rights-of-way that have been previously disturbed; therefore, remains are not expected. **A Cultural Resources Report will be prepared and this issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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F. Geology and Soils

Would the project:

1) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving:

a) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

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(Source: Converse)

Portions of the proposed alignment are located within a currently designated State of California Earthquake Fault Zone (Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone) for the San Jacinto Fault Zone. The San Jacinto Fault is reported to be below an approximately 1,000-foot wide north-northwest-trending corridor intersecting the proposed alignment on Auto Plaza Drive between approximately Camino Real Road and roughly 200 feet south of Show Case Drive in the city of San Bernardino. A secondary splay of the San Jacinto Faults is reported to be present below an approximately 500-foot wide west-northwest-trending corridor extending from near the intersection of Fairway Drive and North Sperry Drive to the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Mount Vernon Avenue in the city of Colton. Strong ground acceleration and additional secondary effects, including surface fault rupture and liquefaction potential, are possible hazards associated with these fault zones. However, geotechnical studies, conducted as a standard component of engineering and design for the proposed improvements, provide for incorporation of site layout and facility design parameters to address potential fault rupture damage in accordance with building code criteria and professional engineering practice. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

b) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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(Sources: CSBGP, CRivGP, CCGP, CRGP, CRiGP, Converse)

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c) **Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?**

(Source: Converse)

Liquefaction is a process whereby strong earthquake shaking causes sediment layers that are saturated with groundwater to lose strength and behave as a fluid. This subsurface process can lead to near-surface or surface ground failure that can result in property damage and structural failure.

High liquefaction potential is anticipated near the beginning of the alignment at Waterman Avenue to the San Jacinto Fault Zone, including the area of Interstate 215 crossing. Low liquefaction potential is anticipated west of the fault zone to immediately south of Interstate 10. Liquefaction potential is also expected from the alignment area south of Interstate 10 to its termination near the intersection with Cleveland Street.

Geotechnical studies conducted as a standard component of the engineering and design for the proposed water pipeline will assess the potential for liquefaction and incorporate site layout and facility design parameters to address any site susceptibility to liquefaction. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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d) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: CSBGP, CRivGP, CCGP, CRGP, CRIGP)

There are no known or mapped geologic units or soils that are unstable, or could become unstable as a result of the pipeline proposed in the city of San Bernardino. In the County of Riverside and the cities of Rialto and Riverside, landslides are a relatively minor problem because most of the bedrock is hard and firm, and because the clay-coated bedding or joint planes that are the usual cause of failure are limited.

Geotechnical studies conducted as a standard component of the engineering and design for the proposed water pipeline will assess the potential for landslides and will incorporate site layout and facility design parameters to address possible site susceptibility to landslides. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Project implementation will involve grading, excavation, trenching, temporary stockpiling, and construction work. The WMWD's standard construction procedures provide for minimization of erosion through implementation of stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) under the National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for construction-period stormwater discharges. The proposed project is not expected to result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: Converse)

The potential for lateral spreading at the proposed project site is considered to be very low for the majority of the alignment, but may be moderate to high for areas adjacent to the Santa Ana River. Seismically-induced landslides are common occurrences during or soon after earthquakes. A few areas along the alignment are near hillsides in the Jurupa Hills and Pedley areas, but these hills consist of bedrock and are considered stable. Liquefaction and subsidence potential may be expected along segments of the alignment; however, geotechnical studies conducted as a standard component of the engineering and design for the proposed water pipeline will assess the potential for unstable geologic units or soil and will incorporate site layout and facility design parameters to address possible site susceptibility to landslides, spreading, subsidence, and liquefaction. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

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4) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Source: Converse)

Expansive soil is subject to swelling and shrinkage of the soil, varying in proportion to the amount of moisture present in the soil. As water is initially introduced into the soil (by rainfall or watering), an expansion takes place. If dried out, the soil will contract, often leaving small fissures or cracks. Soil surveys for southwestern San Bernardino County and the western Riverside area were reviewed to identify expansive soils that may affect the proposed project. No soils with high shrink/swell tendencies were identified along the proposed alignment. The project is not expected to result in any risks to life and property related expansive soils. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not include the construction or need for septic tanks for alternative wastewater disposal systems. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

G. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Would the project:

1) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would be constructed in accordance with standard design/construction practices. Compliance with the regulatory framework would ensure that project construction would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. In addition, the routine transport, use, or disposals of hazardous materials are not anticipated for the proposed project. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Source: Project Proposal)

It is not anticipated that construction of the proposed project would create a significant hazard to the public or environment. The construction process would involve the typical use of equipment that requires gasoline, motor oil, and other chemicals. However, these substances would only be required in small amounts, and compliance with standard construction practices would ensure that project implementation would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

There are no hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances or wastes that would be emitted or handled as part of the project. Also see item G.1, above. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

4) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

Although the majority of the proposed project will be constructed within road rights-of-way, there is some potential that the proposed pipeline may encroach on a listed hazardous materials site. **This issue will be addressed in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project is a water conveyance pipeline to be constructed within existing road rights-of-way and buried underground. The project will not result in the construction of new places of employment or new homes. No impact would occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRiGP, CRivGP, CRGP, Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not cause any safety hazards related to private air strips for people residing or working in the project area. The project will not create any residential uses or employment opportunities that will result in the placement of people within two miles of a private air strip. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

7) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would not interfere with evacuation or emergency response plans. Road access will be maintained or detours will be provided during project construction. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

8) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRivGP, CRGP)

The project area is located in a predominantly developed area within close proximity to freeways with little to no wildland areas present. The proposed project site is not located within a designated hazardous fire area. The project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

H. Hydrology and Water Quality

Would the project:

1) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Construction of the proposed project has the potential to result in the discharge of sediment and construction by-products. This will be minimized however, with the preparation and implementation of a NPDES construction permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board which requires that a SWPPP be prepared prior to construction activities. The SWPPP will incorporate applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize the loss of topsoil or substantial erosion. **This issue will not be addressed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Proposed pipeline installation will involve micro tunneling beneath the Santa Ana River and boring under other streams and drainage features. Although no construction activities will be performed within the definable bed, bank, or channel, a Regional Water Quality Control Board Dewatering Permit will be required for wastewater discharge resulting from ground dewatering activities associated with tunneling. WMWD will comply with all

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waste discharge permit requirements; therefore, no significant impact related to waste discharge is expected. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) **Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?**

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(Sources: RCF EIR, Project Proposal)

The proposed project proposes an alternative water pipeline alignment for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The potential to substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge was addressed in the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project Environmental Impact Report that was certified on May 18, 2005. The proposed project does not propose any changes to the groundwater extraction discussion in that document. The project will primarily be constructed in developed roadways and will not result in a significant increase in impervious soils. A less than significant impact will occur. **Although the Riverside-Corona Feeder will be summarized, this issue will not otherwise be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) **Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?**

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed pipeline will be constructed partially within existing road rights-of-way. The portions of the proposed pipeline that will be constructed underneath the Santa Ana River and underneath several drainages. However, construction of the pipeline will not alter the existing drainage patterns of the Santa Ana River or other drainages. The proposed project would not alter the overall drainage pattern with the project area. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

4) **Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?**

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed pipeline would be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way, under the Santa Ana River, and under other drainages. Because these crossings will be underground in a pipeline, the project would not alter the course of any streams or drainages. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

(Sources: RCF EIR, Project Proposal)

The proposed project proposes an alternative water pipeline alignment for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The potential to substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge was addressed in the Environmental Impact Report that was certified on May 18, 2005. The proposed project does not propose any changes to the groundwater extraction discussion in that document. The project will primarily be constructed in developed roadways and will not result in a significant increase in impervious soils. A less than significant impact will occur. **Although the Riverside-Corona Feeder will be summarized, this issue will not otherwise be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

(Sources : RCF EIR, Project Proposal)

There are several groundwater pollution plumes in the San Bernardino Basin. Recharge and extraction of additional groundwater from the San Bernardino Basin Area was addressed in the Environmental Impact Report that was prepared for the Riverside-Corona Feeder that was certified on May 18, 2005. The proposed project will not result in any changes in groundwater extraction described in that document. **This issue will be addressed in the forthcoming EIR.**

7) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would construct a water pipeline for the purpose of conveying potable water from the San Bernardino Basin Area to serve the needs of the WMWD and other water purveyors within its service area and will not construct housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

8) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed pipeline would be constructed underground primarily within road rights-of-way, or, in some segments, underneath the Santa Ana River. Because all pipelines will be placed underground, the proposed project will not impede or redirect flood flows. No structures will be constructed as part of the proposal project. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

9) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

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(Sources: CRGP)

Construction and/or operation of the proposed project will not result in an increased exposure of people and/or structures to significant loss due to flooding, nor would the development of the pipeline result in adverse conditions that could weaken or damage flood-control structures. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

10) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

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(Sources: CRGP)

A seiche is an earthquake generated wave occurring in an enclosed body of water, such as a lake, reservoir, or harbor. A seiche can result in waves and flooding to properties along the shores of lakes, reservoirs, or harbors. A tsunami occurs when a body of water, such as an ocean, is rapidly displaced due to an earthquake, mass movements above or below water, volcanic eruptions, and other underwater explosions. There are no significant bodies of water located in close proximity to the project site. The topography of the project site would not support mudflow. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

I. Land Use and Planning

Would the project:

1) Physically divide an established community?

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(Source: Project Proposal)

The proposed project involves the construction of a pipeline within existing rights-of-way. Project implementation would not physically divide an established community due to the nature and scope of the proposed project. The proposed alignment would be constructed primarily within existing road rights-of-way and be placed underground. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming EIR**

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2) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Source: CSBGP, SBCGP, CRivGP, CRiGP, CRGP, CCGP,)

The proposed project would be constructed within existing road right-of-ways. The proposed project is adjacent to the following land use designations:

City of San Bernardino General Plan: Commercial-General, Industrial

City of Colton General Plan: Heavy Industrial, Medium Industrial

City of Rialto General Plan: General Industrial, Light Industrial

San Bernardino County General Plan: Specific Plan

Riverside County General Plan: Commercial Retail, Light Industrial, High Industrial, Medium Density Residential, Very High Density Residential, Public Facilities.

City of Riverside General Plan: Open Space/Natural Resources, Commercial, Business/Office Park, Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential, Mixed Use Village, Public Park, Kangaroo Rat Habitat.

The above General Plans do not indicate that the proposed facilities would be inconsistent with existing General Plan land use designations, goals or policies. However, the pipeline and all construction activities will be primarily within existing road rights-of-way. The proposed project would be consistent with the existing General Plans. Additionally, Section 53091 (c), (d) of California Code exempts public agency projects, such as the proposed project, from County zoning regulations. Zoning ordinances do not apply to the location of facilities for the transmission of water (Government Code, Section 53090 – 53097.5). **Nevertheless, general plan consistency will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
3) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The project site is within the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The purpose of the MSHCP is to provide for open space and to preserve natural resources, protecting some sensitive habitat areas, while permitting development and growth in other, less sensitive areas. The MSHCP attempts to ensure habitat conservation, species protection and management, and development certainty to following entities: the County of Riverside and municipalities; state and federal wildlife agencies; development, agriculture, and environmental habitats; and the public at large. **Consistency with the MSHCP will be discussed in the Biological Resources section of the forthcoming EIR.**

Portions of the project area are covered under the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) of Riverside County. Riverside County Ordinance No. 663 establishes the fees and mitigation measures for appropriate development projects covered under this Habitat Conservation Plan. According to Section 10 (f) of Riverside County Ordinance No. 663, public utility transmission facilities are exempt from paying fees. Therefore the pipeline portion of the project proposed within Riverside County will be exempt from paying mitigation fees for potential impacts to SKR habitat; **however, consistency of the proposed project with the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan will be discussed further in the Biological Resources section of the forthcoming EIR.**

J. Mineral Resources

Would the project:

1) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRivGP, CRiGP, CRGP)

In the city of San Bernardino, the proposed alignment crosses an area designated as MRZ-2. According to the city of San Bernardino General Plan, this area contains aggregate resources which remain potentially available from a land use perspective (CSBGP, Figure 42). However, any portion of the project that is within the paved right-of-way of public roads is not considered as an available resource for mineral mining. Mineral Resources in the city of Colton area of the proposed pipeline may not all be identified despite comprehensive research by the Division of Mines and Geology. With future geologic surveying, additional deposits may be discovered. However, the main resource is currently the limestone deposits in and around Slover Mountain. The city of Rialto does not identify any Mineral Resource Zones in the vicinity of the proposed alignment. The City of Riverside General Plan does not identify any Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ-2) in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline. Mineral extraction plays no role in the community at this time and is not anticipated to do so in future. The pipeline will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way; therefore the proposed project will not have any impact on mineral resources. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Source: CRivGP, CSBGP, CCGP, CRiGP, CRGP)

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K. Noise

Would the project:

- 1) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

(Sources: CSBGP, CSBMO, CCGP, CRivGP, CRivGP, CRivM, SBCGP,, CRGP, CRMO, Project Proposal)

The proposed project would create a short-term impact in terms of construction noise. Noise generated by construction equipment and worker trips may temporarily impact nearby sensitive receptors along certain areas of the alignment. **This issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

- 2) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

Construction equipment required for the proposed project is not anticipated to generate excessive ground borne vibrations or noise levels. Excessive ground borne vibration is typically caused by activities such the use of pile drivers during construction or blasting used in mining operations. The proposed project is not anticipated to include blasting or pile driving activities; therefore, ground borne vibration is not expected to occur. Due to the temporary nature of construction activities, impacts in this regard are considered to be less than significant. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
3) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: Project Proposal)

Operation of the pipeline is not anticipated to increase ambient noise levels; the project will be constructed underground in existing rights-of-way. Therefore, operation of the proposed project will not create a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise above levels which already exist without the project. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

4) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project proposes a water conveyance pipeline that would not generate noise or vibration, and does not include any heavy equipment or machinery. However, construction activities may result in temporary increases in noise levels within the vicinity of construction. **Therefore, this issue will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

5) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not involve placing people in a noisy environment surrounding an airport. No impacts will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

There are no private airstrips within the project area. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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L. Population and Housing

Would the project:

1) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of road or other infrastructure)?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

WMWD proposes construction of a municipal water pipeline. As a regional water wholesaler within the County of Riverside, WMWD is obligated to address long-term water demand and meet the future needs of a rapidly growing service area. An adequate potable water distribution network is critical in WMWD’s ability to provide water to satisfy future demand. Thus, WMWD proposes the project in anticipation of future demand for potable water. Additionally, the proposed project would not facilitate growth or new land use activities. This project will not result in the provision of water to water-poor areas (which could result in population growth), but will provide local purveyors an alternative to the purchase of State Water Project water during summer months. The proposed project would not result in population growth and no impact will occur. **Although significant impacts will not occur, growth inducing impacts will be discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources:Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not displace any existing homes. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

M. Public Services

Would the Project?

1) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a) Fire protection?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not require additional services or extended response times for fire protection services. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

b) Police protection?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not require additional services or extended response times for police protection services. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

c) Schools?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed alignment would not involve new housing or employment and would not impact schools in any way; therefore, the proposed project would not create a demand for new school facilities. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

d) Parks?

(Sources: CSBGP, CCGP, CRivGP, CRGP)

The proposed project would not involve new housing or employment and would not impact parks; therefore, the proposed project would not create a demand for new recreational facilities, or increase the use of existing recreational facilities such that the potential for physical deterioration of each facility would occur. No impact would occur. **The issue of potential impacts on parks will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

e) Other public facilities?

(Sources: Project Proposal)

Due to the nature and scope of the proposed alignment, implementation of the proposed project would not increase the demand for other public facilities such that it would create the need for alteration or construction of any new governmental buildings. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

N. Recreation

Would the project:

1) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would not involve new housing or employment and would not impact parks; therefore, the proposed project would not create a demand for new recreational facilities, or increase the use of existing recreational facilities such that the potential for physical deterioration of each facility would occur. No impact would occur. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be further discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project does not propose construction of new recreational facilities, residential housing, or create employment opportunities which would trigger the need for construction or expansion of recreational facilities. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be further discussed in the forthcoming EIR.**

O. Transportation/Traffic

Would the project:

1) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will be constructed primarily in road rights-of-way. The proposed project would not be a substantial generator of traffic. The primary source of project-related trips would be due to construction. However, the construction process would be short-term in nature, and any increase in traffic would cease upon completion of construction.

The proposed project could create short-term disruptions in area circulation as a result of the construction activities. Construction activities are considered temporary, and would cease upon completion of construction. Moreover, portions of the construction may occur during the nighttime in order to avoid impacts during peak commute periods. Therefore, project-related trips would be nominal and would not cause a substantial increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of adjacent roadways.

Encroachment permits will be acquired from applicable governing agencies for construction of the pipeline within their jurisdictional right-of-ways. Standard information included in these permits will address issues associated with short-term traffic impacts. Additionally, WMWD's construction workers will be required by WMWD standard contract documents to provide adequate and safe traffic control measures that will both accommodate local traffic and ensure the safety of drivers and workers. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will be constructed primarily in road rights-of-way. The proposed project would not be a substantial generator of traffic. The primary source of project-related trips would be due to construction. However, the construction process would be short-term in nature, and any increase in traffic would cease upon completion of construction.

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3) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Do to the limited nature and scope of the proposed project, project implementation would not result in a change in air traffic patterns. No structures or buildings are proposed. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

4) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Implementation of the proposed project will not change current roadway configurations nor alter area traffic volumes. No impact would occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
5) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The project will not reconfigure current roadways that would result in inadequate emergency access. Access will be maintained throughout the construction period. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Implementation of the proposed project will not result in inadequate parking capacity within the project area. Short-term construction associated with the project may impact curbside parking (due to construction worker parking) along streets within the project area. In addition, these parking impacts would be short-term and cease upon completion of construction. A less than significant impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

7) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would construct a water pipeline for the purpose of conveying potable water from the San Bernardino Basin Area to serve the needs of the WMWD and other water purveyors within its service area. This project would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

P. Utilities and Service Systems

Would the project:

1) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not generate waste water, and would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the RWQCB. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

2) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

No new water or wastewater treatment facilities will be required as a result of the proposed project. The proposed project itself is expansion of the existing water distribution system and is a benefit to WMWD's ability to provide water to its service area. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

3) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will not require the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, as it will construct a buried water conveyance pipeline. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming Environmental Impact Report.**

4) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project will improve WMWD's ability to provide water. The proposed project itself will not create any additional demand for water. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed in the forthcoming Environmental Impact Report.**

5) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

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(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project would not produce wastewater or require wastewater treatment. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

6) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Sources: Project Proposal)

Due to the nature and scope of the proposed project, the project will not generate solid waste during operation and, therefore, will not impact current landfill conditions. Short-term construction could generate soil and solid wastes that would be disposed of by the contractor in accordance with all applicable regulations. A less than significant impact would occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR**

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
7) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Source: Project Proposal)

Due to the nature and scope of the proposed project, the project will not generate solid waste during operation and, therefore, will not impact current landfill conditions. Short-term construction could generate soil and solid wastes that would be disposed of by the contractor in accordance with all applicable regulations. No impact will occur. **This issue will not be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.**

Q. Mandatory Findings of Significance:

1) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: Above checklist)

During construction, the project has the potential to reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal. Several sensitive plant species are known within the project area within the four jurisdictions traversed by the project. Of these species, several have been listed in the state and federal lists of Threatened and Endangered species. These species include: Wildlife: arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo californicus*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*). Plants: marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*), slender-horned spineflower (*Dodecahema leptoceras*), Gambel's water cress (*Rorippa gambelli*), Braunton's milk-vetch (*Astragalus brauntoni*), Munz's onion (*Allium munzi*).

Critical habitats have been designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the following species known in the project area: Munz's onion, California gnatcatcher, arroyo southwestern toad, California red-legged frog, least Bell's vireo, and Stephens' kangaroo rat.

Two fully protected species - golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) and the white-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus majusculus*) have been recorded in the MSHCP portion of the proposed project. Potential biological impacts will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.

The proposed alignment will be constructed primarily within road rights-of-way and a small portion of the project will consist of an underground pipeline crossing under the Santa Ana River. Construction of the proposed Project may potentially impact known or unknown historical or archaeological resources in the project area. Potential impacts to cultural resources will be discussed further in the forthcoming EIR.

2) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current project, and the effects of probable future projects.)

(Sources: Project Proposal)

The proposed project may result in cumulatively considerable impacts to air quality and biological resources. These issues will be discussed further in the Cumulative Impacts discussion of the forthcoming EIR.

3) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: Above checklist)

The proposed project would construct a water pipeline for the purpose of conveying potable water from the San Bernardino Basin Area to serve the needs of the WMWD and other water purveyors within its service area. The proposed project would not present the potential for any direct or indirect substantial adverse impacts to human beings. No impacts are anticipated.

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August 12, 2008

Dear Mr. Safely:

Western Municipal Water District's Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside Corona Feeder; SCH# 2003031121

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety, noise and airport land use compatibility. The following comments are offered for your consideration.

The proposal is for the construction and operation of an alternate alignment consisting of 108,000 feet of pipeline in order to bring supplemental water to "growing western Riverside County." A portion of the new pipeline will be along Van Buren Boulevard, adjacent to west end of the Riverside Airport.

Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards on or near airports. In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Form 7460-1 is available on-line at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp> and should be submitted electronically to the FAA.

Please coordinate construction activities with the Riverside Municipal Airport Manager, Mark Ripley, at (951) 351-6113.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional airport land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our Caltrans District 8 office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314.

Sincerely,

SANDY HESNARD
Aviation Environmental Specialist

c: State Clearinghouse, Riverside Municipal Airport, Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission



August 26, 2008

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Subject: COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF PREPARATION
Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment

Dear Mr. Safely:

The City of Colton appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact report (DEIR) for the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment. Our comments relate to the following impacts.

Traffic & Circulation

Construction and operation of the proposed project could affect City of Colton street traffic and regional transportation plans. The EIR should evaluate the potential for the project to affect traffic and shall develop mitigation measures to reduce potential effects from the proposed project. We would request the following intersections to be evaluated for potential impacts:

1. Fairway Drive at Sperry Drive
2. Sperry Drive/ Mt. Vernon Off-ramp
3. Valley Boulevard at Mt. Vernon Avenue
4. Mt. Vernon Avenue On-ramp and Off ramp
5. Valley Boulevard and La Cadena Avenue
6. La Cadena Avenue On ramp
7. La Cadena and N Street
8. N Street and Rancho Avenue
9. Rancho Avenue and Agua Mansa Road
10. Agua Mansa Road and Riverside Avenue

The EIR should also evaluate the potential for the project to affect and develop mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to the existing businesses, bus routes and pedestrian routes. Alternative alignments should also be considered as part of the project. We would request the items to be evaluated for potential impacts.

Permits

Please be advised that the proposed Pipeline Project will be required to submit a traffic control to the City of Colton's Public Works Department. Please note that the permitting process may take as much as 30 days to process. Also note that a condition of the permit requires the securing of all appropriate permits before doing the work and shall be subject to the City of Colton Standard Specifications. The Traffic Control Plan should include:

1. Project description including the pipe diameter and lane closures.

2. Specific truck travel routes.
3. Times of operation.
4. Existing conditions of the impacted road areas-including traffic and the road conditions.
5. Traffic safety including safety to residents on foot, on bicycle and in vehicles, and possible mitigation for avoidance of significant peak hour traffic at certain interchanges.

Capital Improvement Project

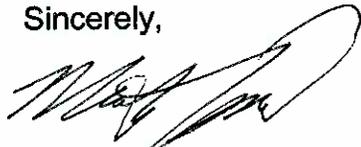
The EIR should also evaluate the potential for the project to affect and develop mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to the City's proposed Capital Improvement Projects. We would request the following projects to be evaluated for potential impacts:

1. 3-5 Project alignment (Rancho Ave. at Agua Mansa Road)
2. Agua Mansa Road Widening Project
3. Valley Boulevard Grade Separation
4. Valley Boulevard raised median Project (10th Street to Mt. Vernon)

Thank You again for the opportunity to participate in the environmental process of the proposed project. We respectfully request a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report when it becomes available.

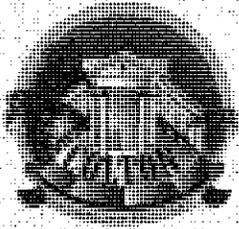
If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Reggie Torres at (909) 370-5065.

Sincerely,



Maritza Tapia,
Interim Public Works Director

Cc\ David R. Zamora, Community Development Director
Andres Soto, Planning Manager



September 2, 2008

VIA EMAIL
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Mr. Jack Safely
Director of Water Resources
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION – RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER
PIPELINE REALIGNMENT**

Dear Mr. Safely:

The City of Colton appreciates the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and provide input on the scope and contents of the Draft Supplemental Program EIR being prepared for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment project. We request that the following be addressed in the Draft EIR.

1. **Provide Additional Detail and Exhibits of Pipeline Alignment:** The Initial Study on page 12 indicated that the proposed pipeline "will be constructed primarily within existing road rights-of-way..." The EIR must provide aerial photos, exhibits, and site plans at large-enough scales, so Colton staff can review the pipeline's potential impacts on existing land uses. If the alignment is located outside existing rights-of-way as stated, there will be impacts relating to potential displacement and relocation of existing uses and structures. The EIR must evaluate these issues and offer solutions to address and resolve issues. Any potential displacement and/or relocation is obviously sensitive to the City of Colton.
2. **Provide Construction-Related Phasing, Scheduling, and Management Plan:** The EIR must provide a phasing schedule, map, and management procedures for construction. Any construction within Colton rights-of-way would disturb traffic flows and create congestion. For example, Valley Boulevard is a major commercial corridor and entry to the I-10 Freeway. Any closing of or disturbance to Valley Boulevard could result in congestion onto other City streets and the I-10 Freeway. The EIR must discuss and include mitigation measures ensuring coordination with Colton regarding construction-related activities, routes, hours, etc.

3. **Correct General Plan Discussions:** The Initial Study incorrectly stated that the alignment would only affect properties designated by the Colton General Plan as "Heavy Industrial" and "Medium Industrial". In actuality, the proposed alignment would affect several properties that are designated: Industrial Park, Heavy Industrial, General Commercial, High Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, Low Density Residential, and Specific Plan. The EIR should discuss each of these Colton General Plan designations. The EIR should also discuss how the project could potentially affect the established community of Colton. The Initial Study indicated that the EIR will not be evaluating how the project will "physically divide an established community". We are requesting that the EIR address all relevant land use issues since the project will affect existing industrial, commercial, and residential uses in the City of Colton.
4. **Discuss Construction-Related Impacts to Colton Residents:** Residential uses are considered sensitive receptors according to CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, construction-related impacts to these receptors must be evaluated in the EIR, including generation of excessive noise levels, and air emissions and dust.
5. **Discuss Construction-Related Impacts to Existing Utilities and Infrastructure:** The project will affect existing rights-of-way within Colton. The EIR must discuss how those utilities and infrastructure presently located within the rights-of-way will be affected, including water, sewer, drainage, electrical, gas, etc.
6. **Explain Project Coordination with Colton:** The EIR must explain how future construction will be coordinated with the City of Colton, including review and approval of construction management documents, permits, improvement plans, etc. The EIR must also explain how the project will be coordinated and made consistent with Colton's Capital Improvement and Community Development Block Grant programs for future improvements proposed within those right-of-way segments that will be affected by the proposed project. For example, the EIR must discuss how the project's construction and schedule will be consistent with Colton's plans for improvement of Agua Mansa Road and Valley Boulevard.
7. **Discussion of Alternatives:** Each alternative evaluated in the EIR must discuss how the particular alternative would be coordinated with and approved by the City of Colton, in regards to construction management documents, permits, improvement plans, etc.
8. **Discuss Biology Issues Relevant to Colton:** The Initial Study referenced the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and those issues relevant to the Riverside County Plan. However, Colton is not located within the jurisdiction of Riverside County and is not affected by the

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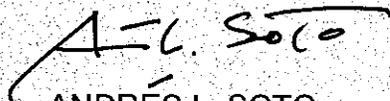
MSHCP. Those sensitive plant and animal species and issues relevant to the County of San Bernardino and City of Colton should be evaluated in the EIR. For example, Colton is affected by the Delhi Sands Flower-loving (DSF) Fly. The City has an exhibit which delineates the habitat area for the DSF Fly, which is attached for your use and consideration. As shown, the project's alignment runs along Agua Mansa Road and therefore, could affect the DSF Fly Habitat Area. The EIR must discuss potential impacts to the DSF Fly and project compliance with Colton's policies and procedures relating to preservation of the DSF Fly and its habitat.

9. **Discuss Impacts to Colton's Groundwater Resources:** The Initial Study indicated that the project will be "used to deliver water from the Riverside and San Bernardino County groundwater basins to communities throughout western Riverside County during drought and emergency periods". We are concerned that during drought and emergency periods, water from the basin that normally serves Colton residents will be diverted to residents outside of San Bernardino County, to areas within Riverside County. The EIR must discuss how much water could potentially be diverted to Riverside County and discuss how any potential shortfall to the groundwater basin will be replenished.

We request that the WMWD continue to involve the City of Colton in the environmental processing for the project. We would also appreciate receipt of all environmental and project documents that are prepared by WMWD in the future. Please contact us at (909) 370-5079 if you have any questions.

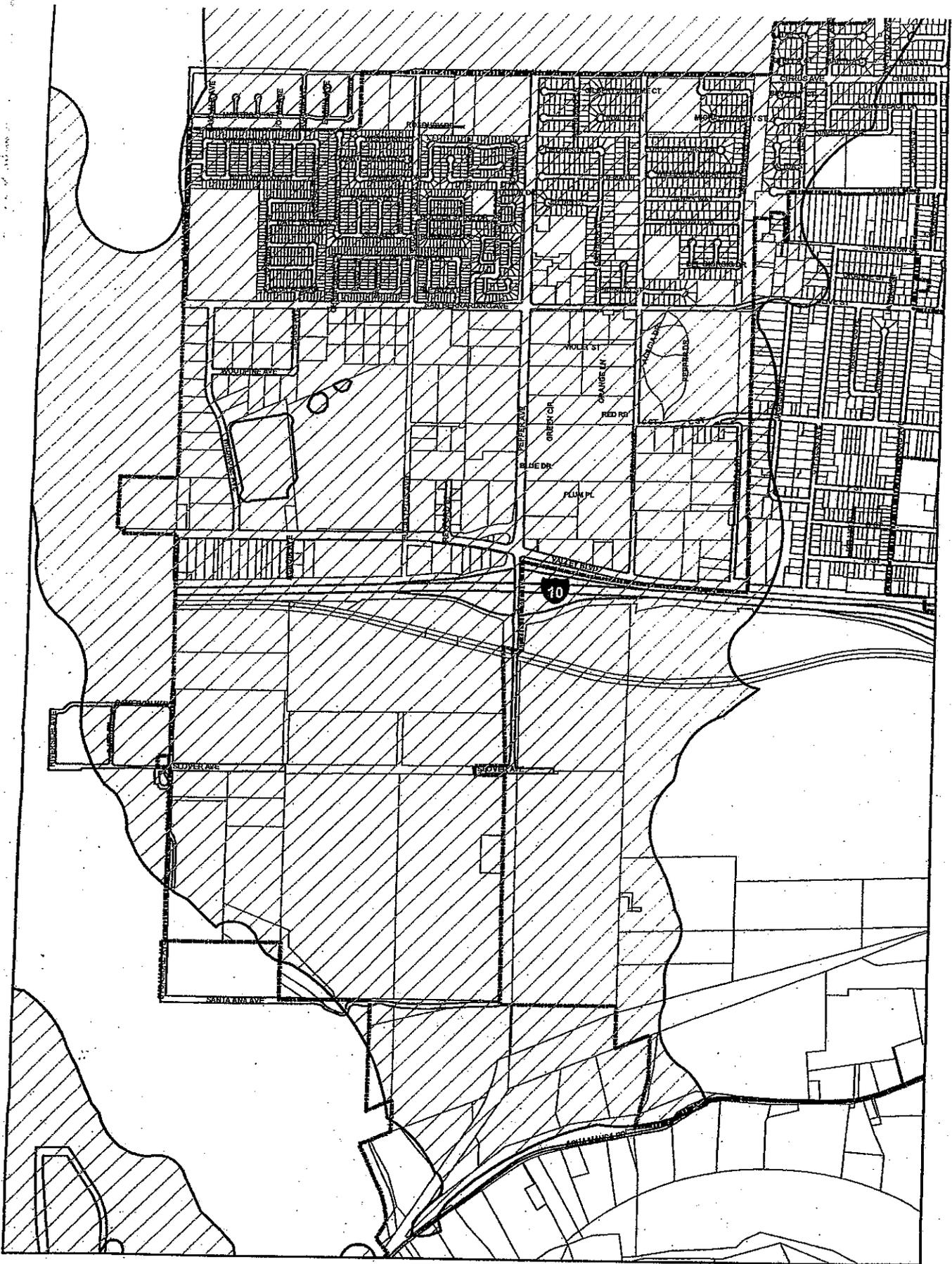
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DAVID R. ZAMORA, Director


ANDRÉS L. SOTO
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Enclosure

cc: Richard J. MacHott, Albert A. Webb Associates, Via Email



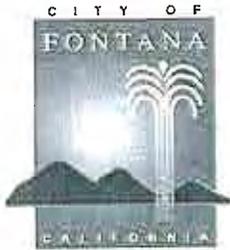
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-  City Boundary
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**Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental
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Dear Mr. Safely,

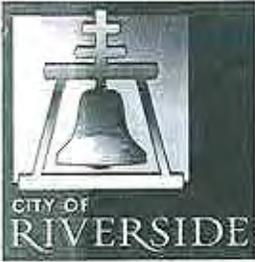
Thank you for including the City of Fontana on your interested parties list for the above-referenced project. The City of Fontana has no comments or concerns.

Thanks again for including the City of Fontana in the public review comment period.

Sincerely,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

Stephanie Hall, Senior Planner



Community Development
Department
Planning Division

August 27, 2008

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DSPEIR) FOR THE RIVERSIDE CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT.

Dear Mr. Safely:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the NOP for the DSPEIR for the proposed Riverside Corona Feeder (RCF) Pipeline Realignment project. As indicated in the project description, the project will be used to deliver water from the Riverside and San Bernardino County groundwater basins to communities throughout western Riverside County during drought and emergency periods. The proposed alignment totals approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline that will be routed along public streets in the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, Riverside, and in the County of Riverside.

We note that in the City of Riverside, the proposed pipeline crosses the Santa Ana River near Van Buren Boulevard to Doolittle Avenue, then continues south in Van Buren Boulevard, southeast in Jackson Street, west in Diana Avenue to Wilbur Street, then south under State Route 91 (SR91). South of SR91, the alignment continues northeast in Indiana Avenue, southeast in Jackson Street, and finally connects to the approved RCF alignment near the intersection of Jackson and Cleveland Streets. City staff has reviewed the environmental Initial Study for the project and offers the following comments:

Air Quality

- The IS indicates that a project-specific air quality analysis will be conducted for the project to further analyze and address significant impacts related to consistency with air quality standards and air quality plans. In addition, the air quality analysis needs to further analyze short-term construction impacts and to identify appropriate mitigation measures to fully mitigate short-term air quality impacts.

Traffic

- The initial study does not analyze traffic impacts due to lane closures for the project. The project by nature doesn't add many trips, but lane closures may be significant and could

reduce available capacity. This will produce more congestion and delays, which needs to be mitigated, or it will divert traffic to other less desirable streets impacting them. As a result, the EIR needs to further analyze and mitigate traffic impacts with lane closures associated with the project.

The EIR needs to consider the duration of the project and periods of the day when the traffic lanes are closed. If lanes are closed day and night for a substantial period of time, this could result in very unacceptable conditions. A traffic study is needed to analyze such impacts and identify appropriate mitigation measures. Potential mitigation measures might include re-striping roads and modifying signals to allow a minimum of two lanes at all times. At this time it is not possible to know the extent of mitigation needed, until the impacts are further studied.

- All references to City of Riverside plans and documents in the EIR need to reflect the most recently adopted plans including, but not limited to, the City of Riverside General Plan 2025, and the General Plan 2025 Final Program Environmental Impact Report. Furthermore, the project specific EIR analysis needs to utilize the most current information and analysis of the General Plan 2025 and the General Plan 2025 Final Program EIR.

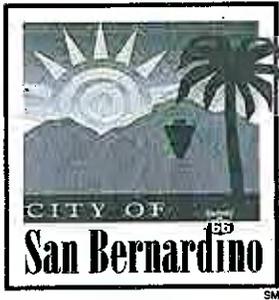
Once again thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project. We look forward to continued communication and coordination on this project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Doug Darnell, Senior Planner at (951) 826-5219 or ddarnell@riversideca.gov.

Sincerely,



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RE: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project (SCH #2003031121).

Dear Mr. Safely:

Thank you for the Notice of Preparation for the Riverside Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment project. The Development Services Department would like to work with WMWD to identify a suitable alternative alignment for the project.

The proposed installation of a 72-inch diameter pipeline in Orange Show Road and Auto Plaza Drive, from Waterman Avenue to Fairway Drive, would have a very detrimental impact on circulation on City streets, as well as access to the City from I-215. Orange Show Road is a major arterial, providing regional access from I-215 to business parks and employment centers in San Bernardino, Redlands and unincorporated portions of the Inland Valley Development Agency Redevelopment Area. The intersection of Orange Show Road and "E" Street, immediately adjacent to the I-215/Orange Show Road interchange, is a high-volume intersection that is critical to access in the City of San Bernardino. Auto Plaza Drive is the main access to the San Bernardino Auto Plaza. Disruption of the I-215/Orange Show Road interchange and the adjacent arterial streets, even on a temporary basis, would be a significant impact.

The Initial Study concludes that the project will have no significant impacts on traffic congestion or the level of service on any city streets, and that traffic issues will not be discussed in the EIR. The City does not concur with these conclusions. The traffic and circulation impacts of this project require analysis and mitigation at the very least; but they should be avoided if possible. The EIR should include a full analysis of traffic and circulation impacts during construction and as needed for maintenance and repairs. The EIR should also analyze alternative routes through the City of San Bernardino and identify a preferred route that will avoid major arterial streets and freeway interchanges.

Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR to this office when it becomes available, and notify this office of any hearings set for consideration of the Draft EIR and the final realignment plan. The City Engineer and I are available to assist with identification of alternate routes. You may contact either of us at (909) 384-5057.

Respectfully,



Terri Rahhal
City Planner

Cc: Valerie C. Ross, Development Services Director
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Jack Safely, P.E.
Director of Water Resources
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Re: Initial Study for Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment

Dear Mr. Safely:

The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment (Initial Study). SBMWD recognizes that the programmatic environmental impact report for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project (Project) has been certified by your Board and that Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) attempted, in good faith, to address the myriad concerns raised about the Project.

With the publication of this Initial Study, SBMWD must go on record again as having significant concerns about the underlying premise of the Project. As stated in the Project Description, the Project "will be used to deliver water from the ... San Bernardino County groundwater basins ... during drought and emergency periods." The project description goes on to say that the Project will allow WMWD to "store [purchased water] in the San Bernardino Basin Area ... and to extract the water from the basins when it is needed."

Since the programmatic environmental impact report was certified, there have been significant developments in the water supply landscape, including the prolonged multiple dry years in Northern and Southern California, the Wanger decision affecting state project deliveries and increasing attention and information about global climate change and its regional impacts. Each tiered environmental document off of the certified programmatic document must continue to look to the underlying environmental premise: water supply in the San Bernardino Basin Area to be withdrawn and moved to Riverside County.

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WMWD Jack Safely
Re: Initial Study for Riverside-Corona Pipeline
Realignment
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Provided that the environmental impacts continue to be analyzed responsibly; provided that the Western judgment is followed in substance and in form; provided that storage rights are not assumed to be attained by the actions outlined in the Initial Study; and provided that withdrawals from the San Bernardino Basin Area are managed so as to have no negative impact to the Western non-Plaintiffs and the Newmark Groundwater Superfund Site, then SBMWD will support the Project.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Initial Study. If you would like to discuss this letter and our comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (909) 384-5091.

Very truly yours,



Stacey R. Aldstadt
General Manager

cc: BOWC
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September 10, 2008

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) FOR RIVERSIDE CORONA FEEDER PROJECT (SCH# 2003031121)

Dear Mr. Safely:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted document for the above-mentioned project. As stated in your document: The project consists of "the construction and operation of an alternate alignment consisting of approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline as part of the Riverside-Corona Feeder project."

Based on the review of the submitted document DTSC has the following comments:

- 1) The EIR should identify and determine whether historic uses at the project site may have resulted in any release of hazardous wastes/substances.
- 2) The EIR should identify any known or potentially contaminated sites within the proposed project area. For all identified sites, the EIR should evaluate whether conditions at the site may pose a threat to human health or the environment. Following are the databases of some of the regulatory agencies:

- National Priorities List (NPL): A list maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA).
- Site Mitigation Program Property Database (formerly CalSites): A Database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS): A database of RCRA facilities that is maintained by U.S. EPA.
 - Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS): A database of CERCLA sites that is maintained by U.S.EPA.
 - Solid Waste Information System (SWIS): A database provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board which consists of both open as well as closed and inactive solid waste disposal facilities and transfer stations.
 - Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) / Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanups (SLIC): A list that is maintained by Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
 - Local Counties and Cities maintain lists for hazardous substances cleanup sites and leaking underground storage tanks.
 - The United States Army Corps of Engineers, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90017, (213) 452-3908, maintains a list of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).
- 3) The EIR should identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation for any site that may be contaminated, and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight. If hazardous materials or wastes were stored at the site, an environmental assessment should be conducted to determine if a release has occurred. If so, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. It may be necessary to determine if an expedited response action is required to reduce existing or potential threats to public health or the environment. If no immediate threat exists, the final remedy should be implemented in compliance with state laws, regulations and policies.
- 4) All environmental investigations, sampling and/or remediation for the site should be conducted under a Workplan approved and overseen by a regulatory agency that has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous substance cleanup. The findings of any investigations, including any Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment

Investigations should be summarized in the document. All sampling results in which hazardous substances were found should be clearly summarized in a table.

- 5) Proper investigation, sampling and remedial actions overseen by the respective regulatory agencies, if necessary, should be conducted at the site prior to the new development or any construction. All closure, certification or remediation approval reports by these agencies should be included in the EIR.
- 6) If buildings or other structures, asphalt or concrete-paved surface areas are being planned to be demolished, an investigation should be conducted for the presence of other related hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints or products, mercury, and asbestos containing materials (ACMs). If other hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints or products, mercury or ACMs are identified, proper precautions should be taken during demolition activities. Additionally, the contaminants should be remediated in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.
- 7) The project construction may require soil excavation and soil filling in certain areas. Appropriate sampling is required prior to disposal of the excavated soil. If the soil is contaminated, properly dispose of it rather than placing it in another location. Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) may be applicable to these soils. Also, if the project proposes to import soil to backfill the areas excavated, proper sampling should be conducted to make sure that the imported soil is free of contamination.
- 8) Human health and the environment of sensitive receptors should be protected during the construction or demolition activities. A study of the site overseen by the appropriate government agency might have to be conducted to determine if there are, have been, or will be, any releases of hazardous materials that may pose a risk to human health or the environment.
- 9) If during construction/demolition of the project, soil and/or groundwater contamination is suspected, construction/demolition in the area should cease and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented. If it is determined that contaminated soil and/or groundwater exist, the EIR should identify how any required investigation and/or remediation will be conducted, and the appropriate government agency to provide regulatory oversight.

Mr. Jack Safely
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- 10) If the site was used for agricultural or related activities, onsite soils and groundwater might contain pesticides, agricultural chemical, organic waste or other related residue. Proper investigation, and remedial actions, if necessary, should be conducted under the oversight of and approved by a government agency at the site prior to construction of the project.
- 11) Envirostor (formerly CalSites) is a database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and is accessible through DTSC's website. DTSC can provide guidance for cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies, or a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) for private parties. For additional information on the EOA please see www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields, or contact Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC's Voluntary Cleanup Coordinator, at (714) 484-5489 for the VCA.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please me at (714) 484-5349, or EKhachat@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Eileen Khachatourians, M.S.
Project Manager
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Western Municipal Water District
C/o Jack Safely, Director of Water Resources
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Dear Mr. Safely,

Regarding the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment, there are potential impacts to several trails within the boundaries of the Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District.

At this point in time, it appears that the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder will impact the following:

CLASS 1 BIKE PATH/REGIONAL TRAIL - This trail, which is operated by the Riverside County Park and Open-Space District, appears to be impacted on the entire stretch of Limonite Avenue where the proposed feeder. Marc Brewer, Senior Planner, can be contacted at 951-955-4316 to determine any specific impacts.

HISTORIC TRAIL - There appears to be an impact on Limonite Avenue, Between Clay Street and Palamino Drive to an Historic Trail, which is also operated by the Riverside County Park and Open-Space District. As with the Class 1 Bike Path/Regional Trail, contact Senior Planner Marc Brewer.

JIM REAL MEMORIAL TRAIL SYSTEM - There appears to be an impact to the Jim Real Memorial Trail System on Limonite Avenue, just North of Riverview Drive. General Manager Dan Rodriguez can be contacted regarding any specific impact this project might have. He can be contacted at 951-361-2090.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Guerrero
Assistant to the General Manager

Xc: Dan Rodriguez, General Manager

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**SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program
Environmental Impact Report
Riverside-Corona Feeder pipeline**

Dear Ms. Safely:

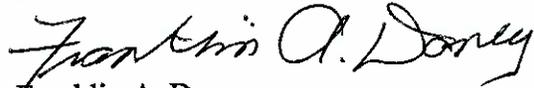
Thank you for contacting the Morongo Band of Mission Indians regarding the above referenced project(s). The Tribe greatly appreciates the opportunity to review the project and, respectfully, offer the following comment(s):

- If human remains are encountered during grading and other construction excavation, work in the immediate vicinity shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to State Health and Safety Code §7050.5.
- In the event that Native American cultural resources are discovered during project development/construction, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find. Work on the overall project may continue during this assessment period.
- If significant Native American cultural resources are discovered, for which a Treatment Plan must be prepared, the developer or his archaeologist shall contact the Morongo Band of Mission Indians ("Tribe")¹. If requested by the Tribe, the developer or the project archaeologist shall, in good faith, consult on the discovery and its disposition (e.g. avoidance, preservation, return of artifacts to tribe, etc.).

¹ The Morongo Band of Mission Indians realizes that there may be additional tribes claiming cultural affiliation to the area; however, Morongo can only speak for itself. The Tribe has no objection if the archaeologist wishes to consult with other tribes and if the city wishes to revise the condition to recognize other tribes.

If I may be of further assistance with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 951-755-5212 or FRANKLIN_DANCY@MORONGO.ORG.

Very truly yours,
MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin A. Dancy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Franklin A. Dancy
Project Manager



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Re: Comments on Riverside-Corona Feeder Project Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Report

Dear Mr. Safely:

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians of the Pechanga Indian Reservation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe (hereinafter "Pechanga Band") submits the following response to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Report (DSEIR) for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The Pechanga Band formally requests that it be involved in the entire Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the proposed Project. The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to submitting more detailed comments when it receives further information on the specific cultural resources impacts for the new alignment. At this time the Pechanga Band is submitting general comments regarding their interests and concerns with the revisions to this Project. We request that these comments, as well as subsequent comments submitted by the Pechanga Tribe, be included in the record for approval of the Project.

In addition, the Pechanga Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government, is formally requesting, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the CEQA environmental review process for the duration of the Project.

WMWD MUST INCLUDE INVOLVEMENT OF AND CONSULTATION WITH THE TRIBE IN ITS REVIEW PROCESS

It has been the intent of the Federal Government¹ and the State of California² that Indian tribes be consulted with regard to issues which impact cultural and spiritual resources, as well as other governmental concerns. The responsibility to consult with Indian tribes stems from the unique government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes. This arises when tribal interests are affected by the actions of governmental agencies and departments

¹ See Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994 on Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments and Executive Order of November 6, 2000 on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.

² See California Public Resource Code §5097.9 et seq.

such as approval of Specific Plans and EIRs. In this case, it is undisputed that portions of the Project within the Pechanga Tribe's traditional territory. Therefore, in order to comply with CEQA and other applicable Federal and California law, it is imperative that the WMWD continue to consult with the Tribe in order to guarantee an adequate basis of knowledge for an appropriate evaluation of the project effects, as well as generating adequate mitigation measures.

PECHANGA CULTURAL AFFILIATION TO THE PROJECT AREA

The Pechanga Tribe asserts that portions of the Project area is part of the northern portion of the Pechanga Tribe's aboriginal territory, as evidenced by the existence of Luiseño place names, rock art, pictographs, petroglyphs, and cultural resources in the vicinity of the Project. The Tribe further asserts that this culturally sensitive area is affiliated specifically with the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians because of the Tribe's specific cultural ties to this area. Pechanga considers any resources located on this Project to the south of the Santa Ana River to be Pechanga cultural resources.

The Pechanga Tribe's knowledge of our ancestral boundaries is based on reliable information passed down to us from our elders; published academic works in the areas of anthropology, history and ethno-history; and through recorded ethnographic and linguistic accounts. Custom and tradition marks the geographic and linguistic border for the Luiseño as the southern-side of the Santa Ana River. Many anthropologists and historians who have presented boundaries of the Luiseño traditional territory have included the Riverside area in their descriptions (Drucker 1937; Heiser and Whipple 1957; Kroeber 1925; Smith and Freers 1994), and such territory descriptions correspond almost identically with what was communicated to the Pechanga people by our elders. Be it a geographic or linguistic border, there are several factors to consider when defining a Tribe's ancestral border in this day of GIS technology and SB18 Consultations with Lead Agencies, such as Riverside, who are considered part of Luiseño Ancestral Territory.

Historic accounts and anthropological and linguistic theories are important in determining traditional Luiseño territory but the Pechanga Tribe asserts that the most critical sources of information used to define our traditional territories are our songs, creation accounts and oral traditions. Luiseño history originates with the creation of all things at '*éxva Teméeku*, known today as the City of Temecula, and dispersing out to all corners of creation (what is today known as Luiseño territory). It was at Temecula that the Luiseño diety *Wuyóot* lived and taught the first People, and here that he became sick, finally expiring at Lake Elsinore after visiting many of the hot springs located within Luiseño and Cahuilla territory. He was cremated at '*éxva Teméeku* and from there, the people spread out, establishing villages and marking their territories. The first people also became the mountains, plants, animals and heavenly bodies.

One of the Luiseño songs recounts the travels of the people to Elsinore after a great flood (DuBois 1908). From here, they again spread out to the north, south, east and west. Three songs, called *Montivol*, are songs of the places and landmarks that were destinations of the Luiseño ancestors, several of which are located near to the Project. They describe the exact route

of the Temecula (Pechanga) people and the landmarks made by each to claim title to places in their migrations (DuBois 1908:110).

Rock art is also an important element in the determination of Luiseño territorial boundaries. Throughout Luiseño territory, there are certain types of large boulders, taking the shape of mushrooms or waves, which contain numerous small indentations, or cupules. We feel that these may be indicative of boundary markers.

When the people scattered from Ekvo Temeko, Temecula, they were very powerful. When they got to a place, they would sing a song to make water come there, and would call that place theirs; or they would scoop out a hollow in a rock with their hands to have that for their mark as a claim upon the land. The different parties of people had their own marks. For instance, Albañas's ancestors had theirs, and Lucario's people had theirs, and their own songs of Munival to tell how they traveled from Temecula, of the spots where they stopped and about the different places they claimed (DuBois 1908:158).

Other types of rock art, pictographs and petroglyphs have been documented in Luiseño territory. Typically, it would appear that there is at least one pictograph location per village site. Rock art has been recorded in numerous locations within the City of Riverside with large concentrations near Mockingbird Canyon, Box Springs and Motte Reserve. Tribal, clan, and family territories were designated and protected. Trespassing was cause for conflict and at times outright warfare between groups. The young were taught never to trespass on the land of others in pursuit of game or to gather food without permission (Sparkman 1908:190).

Additionally, there are several Luiseño place names that have been recorded between the Proposed and Original Feeder alignments. These are *Húlvulpa*, *Pocháppa* and *Saywaras Pachappa*. *Húlvulpa* refers to an indigenous plant gathering area and is located 200-300 yards south of the Santa Ana River, one mile due west of Mt. Rubidoux, and near Grand Ave. *Pocháppa* indicates an event location and *Saywaras Pachappa* is also a traditional gathering location identified where Central Avenue is bisected by Chicago Avenue.

Thus, our songs and stories, as well as academic works and recorded archaeological/cultural sites, demonstrate that the Luiseño people who occupied what we know today as the County of Riverside are ancestors of the present-day Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, and as such, Pechanga is the appropriate culturally affiliated tribe for projects that impact this geographic area.

PECHANGA INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT TO DATE

The Pechanga Tribe has been involved in this Project since the original NOP/IS was issued in 2003. At that time, the Tribe submitted comments and indicated its desire to participate in the Project evaluation process. In 2004, the Tribe submitted comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, and then spent the next year and a half consulting with WMWD

and its consultants to try to develop the Project mitigation and methods for addressing the protection of cultural resources.

When the Final Program Environmental Impact Report was issued in 2005, it included many of the Pechanga Tribe's suggested revisions. While the final mitigation did not include all of the Pechanga Tribe's requested changes, the Tribe believed that it could continue to work with WMWD and its consultants to continue to address the preservation and protection of cultural resources which may be impacted by the Project. In 2006, the Tribe participated in WMWD's Disposition and Treatment Plan meeting. The Tribe felt that progress was made in these meetings as WMWD agreed to: confer with the interested tribes on the selection of any archaeological monitors used during the Project; consult with the Native American Heritage Commission for determining which tribe was the appropriate tribe to enter into a Treatment and Monitoring Agreement for each Reach of the Project; to enter into Treatment and Monitoring Agreements with each appropriate tribe.

PROJECT IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Pechanga Tribe is neither opposed to the Project nor to the new alignment which will be evaluated in the Supplemental PEIR. The Pechanga Tribe's primary concerns stem from the project's likely impacts on Native American cultural resources as well as any potential impacts to the Reservation. The Pechanga Tribe is concerned about both the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as Luiseño village sites and archaeological items which would be displaced by ground-disturbing work on the project, and on the proper and lawful treatment of cultural items, Native American human remains and sacred items likely to be discovered in the course of the work.

The Pechanga Tribe contends that the Project is rich in cultural resources due to the fact that approximately thirty-three recorded archeological sites are within one-half mile of the originally proposed Project, and there are likely many within proximity to the newly proposed alignment. At least eighty percent of the sites in the original Project area are located within the Luiseño territory. Given all the information, there is a very strong likelihood of locating sub-surface resources during ground disturbing activities.

Because the area has the potential to be rich in cultural resources, CEQA requires a thorough evaluation of the cultural resources within the Project area. Any lack of investigation regarding the entire area included in the supplemental environmental documents is contrary to the mandates of CEQA to evaluate potential project impacts. The Tribe was therefore encouraged to see that WMWD intends to continue to include cultural resources evaluation in its current Environmental Impact Report. The Pechanga Tribe believes that a thorough cultural resources assessment should be required as part of the SEIR for the Project. More specifically, the Tribe believes that the new Project area should be fully surveyed and that, if warranted, additional testing and assessment should be performed, especially in those areas where sites are found. Further, the Tribe would request to continue to be involved in all assessment and evaluation done by WMWD, and to participate as a partner in interpreting the results and devising appropriate

mitigation based upon those results.

Further, the Pechanga Tribe requests that WMWD take steps for the protection of any uncovered resources in the process of these assessments. The additional surveys may reveal significant archaeological resources and sites which may be eligible for inclusion in the historic site register, may contain human remains and/or may be sacred Luiseño sites. The Pechanga Tribe believes that only after the completion of more extensive surveys by both WMWD and the Pechanga Tribe, will a complete assessment of impacts be accurate.

PECHANGA TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT

The Pechanga Tribe will itself be engaging in further assessment of the newly identified Project area, in consultation with tribal elders, to identify more specific information about this culturally sensitive area. The Tribe may also be offering additional proposed mitigation once it has completed this assessment. The Tribe is also concerned that both the mitigation, and the progress made on the disposition and treatment plan from the original PEIR be carried through to this SEIR, and that the progress made by the Tribe and WMWD in developing mitigation and plans for the protection and preservation of invaluable cultural resources not be lost through the new environmental process.

CONCLUSION

The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to continuing to work together with WMWD in protecting the invaluable Pechanga cultural resources found in the Project area. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (951) 676-2768, Ext. 2137.

Sincerely,



Laura Miranda
Deputy General Counsel

Cc: Pechanga Cultural Resources Department
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Re: Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project, Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

With respect to the referenced project, the Riverside County Fire Department has no comments.

Sincerely,

Jason Neuman

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 26, 2008

Mr. Jack Safely, Director of Water Resources
Western Municipal Water District
450 Alessandro Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92508

Dear Mr. Safely:

Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft
Supplemental Program Environmental
Impact Report for the Riverside-Corona
Feeder Pipeline Realignment

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (DSPEIR) for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment. The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline that will be routed within street rights-of-way located in the unincorporated area of Riverside County, portions of San Bernardino County, and cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Riverside, and across the Santa Ana River.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has the following comments/concerns that should be addressed in the DSPEIR:

1. Several existing District facilities are located within the proposed project area and may be impacted. The DSPEIR should fully evaluate any potential impacts to existing District facilities. Any activity that involves District right-of-way, easements or facilities will require an encroachment permit from the District. Any construction of facilities within road right-of-way that may impact District storm drains should also be coordinated with us. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Ed Lotz of the District's Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.
2. The District is a signatory to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). For purposes of procuring an encroachment permit from the District, the permit applicant will need to demonstrate that all portions of the project located within the District right-of-way, easements or facilities are consistent with the MSHCP. The DSPEIR should include a MSHCP consistency assessment with all of its supporting documents and provide mitigation in accordance with all applicable MSHCP requirements. The assessment should address, at a minimum, Sections 3.2, 3.2.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.2, 7.5.3 and Appendix C of the MSHCP. In addition, Sunnyslope Channel, Stage 2 (APN 182-280-002 and APN 182-350-003) and Rubidoux Retention Basin (APN 178-201-010), are currently designated as Public/Quasi Public (P/QP) lands in the MSHCP. The DSPEIR should address any potential impacts to P/QP lands.

Mr. Jack Safely

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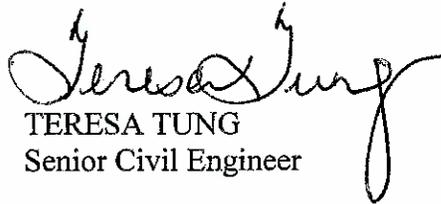
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3. The proposed project is located within the SW Riverside, Monroe, and Rubidoux Master Drainage Plans (MDP). When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within the plan of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The DSPEIR should address any potential impacts to MDP facilities within the proposed project area. The District's MDP maps may be viewed online under Programs and Services at www.rcflood.org. To obtain further information on the MDPs and the proposed facilities, contact Dale Anderson of the District's Planning Section at 951.955.1345.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Mai Son at 951.955.5418 or me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,



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Senior Civil Engineer

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SUBJECT: RTA Comments on Riverside-Corona Feeder Project

Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Notice of Public Scoping and the Initial Study for the Riverside-Corona Feeder project (RCF). RTA looks forward to working with the WMWD to ensure that maintenance of safe, convenient and adequate transit stops and transit services will be minimally impacted by this project.

From information provided at the August 11, 2008 Scoping Meeting, it is our understanding that the RCF is an alternative to earlier pipeline proposals less likely to be built. The Traffic Control and Safety Plan in previous Environmental Impact Reports for those proposals actually contains considerable information that can be carried over to the RCF, especially on the subject of public transit. RTA would still like to go on record to make the following comments concerning the RCF:

- As engineering plans become available, please keep RTA informed of the precise location of the pipeline, i.e. which side of the street will be impacted by construction;
- Set up a means with RTA to keep its Bus Operations section (Mr Sam Wattana) informed of forthcoming street closures or any impacts on existing bus stops as construction proceeds along the route. This procedure would enable RTA to notify its ridership in advance that a bus stop might be temporarily closed;
- If some bus stops are closed for construction, the contractor must work with RTA to set up a storage procedure that safeguards any bus stop street furniture during the interim. Items such as bus shelters, passenger waiting benches, trash receptacles and bus stop signage should be collected and housed under this procedure.

Thank you for including RTA in the planning process for this project. If you need additional clarification or I can be of further assistance, please call me at (951) 565-5164 or contact me at mmccoy@riversidetransit.com.

Sincerely,

Michael McCoy
Communications Planner



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Director of Public Works

September 2, 2008

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Western Municipal Water District
Attn.: Jack Safely, Director of Water Resources
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Riverside, CA 92508

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM EIR FOR THE
RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT

Dear Mr. Safely:

Thank you for giving the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (Department) the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. The environmental document was circulated to other Divisions within our Department, and the following are their comments:

Water Resources Division (Mike Fox, P.E., Chief, 909-387-8213). The feeder pipeline is proposed to cross Twin Creek Channel, C.O.E., in the City of San Bernardino, and Warm Creek, C.O.E., in the City of Colton. Both Twin Creek Channel and Warm Creek are Flood Control District (District) facilities. According to the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Panel 8683H, effective August 28, 2008, the site lies within Zone X shaded, Zone AE and Zone AH.

Our comments are as follows:

1. In general, it appears that the study has identified the major concerns of the District.
2. We recommend that the proposed pipeline be constructed in a manner not to alter the direction, elevation or capacity of any existing drainage course, and that the lines be placed below all drainage scour depths.
3. We also recommend that no temporary or permanent obstructions be placed in any drainage course.
4. If any encroachment on District right-of-way is anticipated, a permit shall be obtained from the District's Flood Control Operations Division, Permit Section. Other on-site or off-site improvements may be recommended which cannot be determined at this time.
5. Other state or federal agencies may require permits. Information regarding this item can be obtained at the above mentioned Flood Control Operations Division's Permit Section.
6. If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please call MaryLou Mermilliod at 909-387-8213.

Environmental Management Division (Theresa Sims, Ecological Resource Specialist, 909-384-7931). Within the sensitive biological resources section of the Initial Study, submitted by Albert A. Webb Associates, the project area, although primarily urban and residential, contains small areas of agriculture, nonnative grasslands, coastal sage scrub, riparian and chaparral habitats. Accordingly, several sensitive wildlife species are known to occupy the project area. Out of those species, several have been listed in state and federal lists of Threatened or Endangered species that include the following: arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo californicus*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Swainson's hawk

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(*Buteo swainsoni*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*), San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomis merriami parvus*), and Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*).

Within the biological section referenced above, it should also be mentioned that some ground dwelling species may be impacted. The proposed project alignment will be constructed in the rights-of-way of existing roads, under I-10 and State Route 60 and State Route 91, and under the Santa Ana River. Burrowing owls, a state species of special concern (S2), are known to occupy many areas and are often found in burrows within open and ruderal fields that are known to be present within the project area. If suitable habitat is determined, focused burrowing owl surveys should follow the guidelines established by the Burrowing Owl Consortium. Finally, ground nesting birds, such as horned larks, a state species of special concern, and western meadowlarks, will nest in grasslands and may be impacted by ground disturbing activities other than those that remove trees, shrubs, and ground cover. It is recommended that the Supplemental Program EIR address the potential biological impacts of this project, the determination of level of impacts, if any, and minimization measures to any adverse impacts.

The Department would like to receive a copy of the Draft Supplemental Program EIR, and any technical reports, when it is available, so that we have the opportunity to review the document and provide any comments at that time.

Sincerely,



NARESH P. VARMA, P.E., Chief
Environmental Management Division

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cc: Frank Molina
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August 29, 2008

Jack Safely, Director of Water Resources
Western Municipal Water District
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Riverside CA 92508

Re: The Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment

Dear Mr. Safely:

Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Notice of Preparation of the DEIR for the WMWD Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment project. The project is a proposal to construct and operate an alternate alignment of approximately 108,000 feet of pipeline as part of the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The alternate alignment will be constructed within the rights-of-way of existing roads, including Interstate 10, State Route 60 and State Route 91, and will include properties located in the unincorporated Riverside County community of Jurupa, portions of San Bernardino County and the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto and Riverside. A portion will also be constructed under the Santa Ana River bed. The proposed infrastructure will allow WMWD to purchase water when it is available from the State Water Project and store it in the San Bernardino Basin and Chino Basin, and to extract the water from the basins when it is needed.

In the event this project impacts SCE facilities or its land related rights, please forward five (5) sets of plans depicting SCE's facilities and associated land rights to the following location:

Transmission Project Management
Southern California Edison Company
300 North Pepper Avenue, Building "B"
Rialto, CA 92376

In addition, please be advised if development plans result in the need to build new, or relocate existing, SCE electrical facilities that operate at or above 50 kV, the SCE construction may have environmental consequences subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provisions, as implemented by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). If those environmental consequences are identified and addressed by the local agency in the CEQA process for the larger project, SCE may not be required to pursue a later, separate, mandatory CEQA review through the CPUC's General Order 131-D (GO 131-D) process. If the SCE facilities are not adequately

addressed in the Draft EIR and the new facilities could result in significant environmental impacts, the required additional CEQA review could delay approval of the SCE power line portion of the project for up to two years or longer.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project and look forward to reviewing the Draft EIR once it's completed. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (951) 928-8208.

Sincerely,
Louis Davis
Region Manager
Southern California Edison Company



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Mr. Jack Safely
Western Municipal Water District
450 Alessandro Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92508

Dear Mr. Safely:

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality analysis and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

Air Quality Analysis

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. Alternatively, the lead agency may wish to consider using the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved URBEMIS 2007 Model. This model is available on the SCAQMD Website at: www.urbemis.com.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM_{2.5} emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM_{2.5} calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM_{2.5} emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM_{2.5} significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM_{2.5} emissions and PM_{2.5} significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html.

In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

It is recommended that lead agencies for projects generating or attracting vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

Mitigation Measures

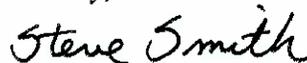
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

Data Sources

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. Please call Gordon Mize, Ph.D., Air Quality Specialist, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Steve Smith, Ph.D.
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

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WMWD

Attn: Jack Safely
Western Municipal Water District
450 Alessandro Boulevard
Riverside, Ca 92508

Re: Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided to us on said project(s) has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although it is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas.

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians is requesting the following:

1. Further **government to government** consultation.
2. Copies of archeological and/or cultural resource documentation.
3. Working in and around traditional use areas intensifies the possibility of encountering cultural resources during the construction/excavation phase. For this reason the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians requests Cultural Resource Monitor(s) to be present during any ground disturbing proceedings.

[SPECIAL NOTE (for projects other than cell towers): *If* this project is associated with a city or county specific plan or general plan action it is subject to the provisions of SB18-Traditional Tribal Cultural Places (law became effective January 1, 2005) and will require the city or county to participate in formal, **government-to-government** consultation with the Tribe. If the city or county are your client, you may wish to make them aware of this requirement. By law, they are required to contact the Tribe.]

Sincerely,



Erica Helms

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San Jacinto, CA 92581
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Cell (951) 663-8333
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(1) "For use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds" (Migratory Bird Conservation Act); and

(2) "For the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service" (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956).

The refuge is located in Stafford, Rice, and Reno Counties, Kansas. Wetlands, large and small, are present throughout the refuge; there are approximately 7,000 acres of wetlands with slightly to moderately saline water. Thousands of Canada geese, ducks, and other migratory birds, such as sandhill cranes and shorebirds, use these wetlands as they pass through the refuge on their

annual migrations. The refuge provides numerous opportunities for the public including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, interpretation, and environmental education for students and visitors.

Scoping; Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

We request input as to which issues affecting management or public use should be addressed during the planning process. We are especially interested in receiving public input in the following areas:

(a) What do you value most about this refuge?

(b) What problems or issues do you see affecting management of this refuge?

(c) What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of this refuge?

We provide the above questions for your optional use. We have no requirement that you provide information; however, any comments the planning team receives will be used as part of the planning process.

Public Meetings

We will hold the following public meetings. For more, contact the person under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Date	Time	Location
March 8, 2010	4–7 p.m.	Stafford Senior Center, 103 South Main, Stafford, KS 67578.
March 9, 2010	4–7 p.m.	Front Door Community Center, 1615 Tenth Street, Great Bend, KS 67530.
March 10, 2010	4–7 p.m.	Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 East 29th Street North, Wichita, KS 67220–2200.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 14, 2009.

Hugh Morrison,

Acting Regional Director, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Riverside-Corona Feeder Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation and the Western Municipal Water District (Western) will prepare a joint

EIS/EIR for the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The public and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS/EIR and the proposed alternatives.

This notice is provided pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (c)) and Department of Interior regulations for implementation of NEPA (43 CFR Part 46).

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR are requested within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Ms. Amy Campbell, Southern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590; or e-mail to ACampbell@usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Campbell, Southern California Area Office general telephone number 951–695–5310, or e-mail ACampbell@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The proposed project is a large capacity water pipeline associated with an aquifer storage and recovery project. The project will install new groundwater wells at the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin in San Bernardino County with pipelines ranging in diameter up to 78 inches to Western's Service Area in Riverside County.

Existing recharge basins will be used to store imported water and local Santa

Ana River flows in the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin during wet years for delivery to communities in western Riverside County in dry years via 28 miles of pipeline capable of delivering up to 40,000 acre-feet per year of ground water at 100 cubic feet per second (cfs). The proposed pipeline alignment will also provide access to groundwater from the Chino Basin in San Bernardino County.

Section 9112 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11, 123 Stat. 1318), signed by the President on March 30, 2009, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with Western, to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project including: (i) 20 groundwater wells; (ii) groundwater treatment facilities; (iii) water storage and pumping facilities; and (iv) 28 miles of pipeline in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in the State of California.

Western certified a Program EIR (California State Clearinghouse No. 2003031121) under CEQA in 2005, and issued a Notice of Preparation of a draft Supplemental Program EIR on July 30, 2008 to evaluate a proposed change in the pipeline alignment. Our intention is to circulate the supplemental EIR for public review as a joint CEQA/NEPA document, incorporating the earlier Program EIR by reference. The draft document is expected to be available for public review in mid-March 2010.

Scoping Process

To avoid duplication with State and local procedures, we plan to use the scoping process initiated by Western under CEQA. No additional public scoping meetings are planned at this time. The CEQA Notice of Preparation, comments received, and a map showing the proposed project and pipeline alignment alternatives are available at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/envdocs.html>. No known Indian trust assets or environmental justice issues are associated with the Proposed Action, although the proposed pipeline alignment may include areas of low income and minority populations.

Written comments are requested to help identify any additional alternatives and issues that should be analyzed in the EIS/EIR. Federal, State and local agencies, tribes, and the general public are invited to participate in the environmental review process.

Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: February 18, 2010.

Jayne Harkins,

Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R7-R-2009-N288; 70133-1265-0000-U4]

Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, Alaska

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revised Notice

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed land exchange of certain lands owned by the State of Alaska and certain lands owned by the King Cove Corporation and evaluation of a proposed road corridor through the Izembek National Wildlife

Refuge and the Izembek Wilderness Area. We published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2009, inviting suggestions on the scope of issues to address in the EIS. We now provide a comment-period end date and announce the dates, times, and locations of upcoming public meetings. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media releases will announce additional opportunities to provide written and oral input.

DATES: Meetings: Public scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Alaska on March 4, 2010, 5–8 p.m. and on March 11, 2010, 1–4 p.m. in Washington, DC. In addition, we will hold public scoping meetings in King Cove, Cold Bay, Sand Point, and Nelson Lagoon in Alaska. We will announce these meeting dates, times, and locations locally, at least 10 days prior to each meeting.

Comments: Please provide any written comments, information, or suggestions on the scope of issues to address in the EIS by April 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Additional information concerning the proposed land exchange is at <http://izembek.fws.gov/EIS.htm>. Send your comments or requests for information by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* izembek_eis@fws.gov;
- *Fax:* Attn: Stephanie Brady, (907) 786–3965; or

- *U.S. Mail:* Stephanie Brady, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS–231, Anchorage, AK 99503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Brady, 907–246–1203 (phone), or at the addresses above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (417,533 acres) and the North Creek (8,452 acres) and Pavlof (1,447,264 acres) units of the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge are located at the westernmost tip of the Alaska Peninsula. The 1,008,697-acre Unimak Island (the easternmost Aleutian Island of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge) lies across the Isanotski Strait. To the north of the Izembek Refuge is the Bering Sea; to the south is the Pacific Ocean. The Alaska Peninsula is dominated by the rugged Aleutian Range, part of the Aleutian arc chain of volcanoes. Landforms include mountains, active volcanoes, U-shaped valleys, glacial moraines, low tundra wetlands, lakes, sand dunes, and lagoons. Elevations range from sea level to the 9,372-foot Shishaldin Volcano. Shishaldin Volcano is a designated National Natural Landmark.

Several major lagoons are within the Izembek Refuge boundary. These lagoons contain some of the world's largest eelgrass beds. The lagoons are under the jurisdiction of the State of Alaska. Izembek Lagoon is designated as Izembek State Game Refuge. Birds from all over the Arctic funnel through Izembek Refuge in fall on their way to wintering grounds throughout the world. More than 98 percent of the world's Pacific black brant use Izembek Lagoon as a staging area for their fall migration to Mexico. Other birds that use the refuge include golden plovers, ruddy turnstones, western sandpipers, tundra swans, Steller's eiders, and emperor geese. The refuge also is home to large concentrations of brown bears and other large mammals, such as caribou and wolves. The red, pink, chum, and silver salmon that use the waters within the refuge enrich the entire ecosystem with the nutrients they bring from the sea. The refuge also has a rich human history, from ancient settlements of Alaska Natives, through the 18th and 19th century Russian fur traders, to a World War II outpost. The Izembek Wilderness covers much of the refuge and includes pristine streams, extensive wetlands, steep mountains, tundra, and sand dunes, and provides high scenic, wildlife, and scientific values, as well as outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation.

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge stretches from the Arctic Ocean to the southeast panhandle of Alaska and protects breeding habitat for seabirds, marine mammals, and other wildlife on more than 2,500 islands, spires, rocks, and coastal headlands. Sitkinak Island, which lies within the boundaries of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, is primarily owned by the State of Alaska, with two parcels owned by the Service.

The King Cove Corporation is an Alaska Native Village Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA; 43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). Under the authority of ANCSA, Congress granted King Cove Corporation land entitlements within and adjacent to Izembek Refuge. The State of Alaska also owns lands, submerged lands, shorelands, and tidelands within and adjacent to Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuges, including the Izembek State Game Refuge.

In the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (H.R. 146, Subtitle E; the Act), Congress directed us to prepare an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and

RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT
Supplemental EIR/EIS
Scoping Information Summary

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) prepared an Initial Study in July 2008 to assess the potential significant effects which could result from the proposed action and determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) should be prepared. The potential impacts associated with the project at that time which were to be covered in the SEIR included: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Noise.

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft SEIR was circulated to federal, state and local agencies and the public from July 31, 2008 to August 29, 2008. Attached is a summary of the comment letters received in response to the NOP. On August 11, 2008, a scoping meeting was held and a summary of the proceedings from the meeting is also attached. Based on the scoping responses and four additional connections which were subsequently added to the project, the SEIR and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which are now being prepared jointly, will include analysis of the following potential impacts/effects: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use, Noise and Traffic/Transportation.

RESPONSES TO NOP

DATE	COMMENTER
July 31, 2008	South Coast Air Quality Management District
August 5, 2008	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
August 8, 2008	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
August 12, 2008	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
August 15, 2008	Riverside Transit Agency
August 18, 2008	Riverside County Fire Department
August 18, 2008	Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District
August 18, 2008	San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
August 21, 2008	City of Fontana Planning Department
August 21, 2008	San Bernardino Development Services Department
August 26, 2008	Colton Engineering Department
August 26, 2008	Riverside County Flood Control District
August 27, 2008	City of Riverside Planning Department
August 29, 2008	Southern California Edison
September 2, 2008	City of Colton Planning Department
September 2, 2008	County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works
September 10, 2008	State Department of Toxic Substances Control
September 19, 2008	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Area of Potential Controversy	Issue Raised	Issue Raised by	How Topic is to be Addressed
Airports	Proximity of construction to Riverside Airport will potentially affect airport operations due to prohibitions on structural hazards on or near airports. Construction activities should be coordinated with airport manager.	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	In Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of SEIR.
Air Quality	Potential air quality impacts	SCAQMD	Air Quality section of SEIR.

	from all phases of project should be identified and mitigation measures established.	City of Riverside Planning Department City of Colton Planning Department	
Biological Resources	A MSHCP consistency assessment should be included for all portion of the project within Flood Control District right-of-way, easements or facilities.	Riverside County Flood Control District	
	Discuss sensitive plant and animal species relevant to San Bernardino County and City of Colton including Delhi Sands flower-loving fly.	City of Colton Planning Department County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works	
Cultural Resources	Government to Government Consultation is requested.	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians	
	Monitor during ground disturbing activities requested.	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	
	If human remains encountered during grading, construction shall stop and County Coroner	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	

	contacted.		
	If Native American cultural resources found, work shall stop and a qualified archaeologist hired to assess significance.	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	
	If significant Native American cultural resources are found, archaeologist shall contact Native American Tribe.	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	
	Through cultural resources assessment should be performed.	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians	
Groundwater Levels	Water supply in the San Bernardino Basin Area needs to be analyzed.	San Bernardino Municipal Water Department City of Colton Planning Department	
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Identify any known or potentially contaminated sites within project area and procedures for dealing with contaminated soils and hazardous materials.	State Department of Toxic Substances Control	
Land Use/Planning	Address relevant land use issues.	City of Colton Planning	

		Department	
Utilities	Impacts to Flood Control District facilities should be analyzed.	Riverside County Flood Control District	
	Discuss how utilities and infrastructure within rights-of-way will be impacted.	City of Colton Planning Department	
Noise	Discuss impacts upon sensitive receptors	City of Colton Planning Department	
Transportation/Traffic	Project construction within streets has the potential to adversely affect bus operations.	Riverside Transit Agency	
	There are potential impacts to recreational trails.	Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District.	
	There will be a detrimental impact on circulation on City streets.	San Bernardino Development Services Department	
	Full analysis of traffic and circulation impacts should be included in SEIR.	San Bernardino Development Services Department City of Colton Engineering Department City of Riverside Planning Department	
	Alternative routes should be	San Bernardino Development	

	analyzed and a preferred route that will avoid major arterial streets and freeway interchanges identified.	Services Department City of Colton Engineering Department	
	Impacts on City's Capital Improvement Projects should be analyzed and mitigation measures developed.	City of Colton Engineering Department	

RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Session
August 11, 2008

Summary of Proceedings

Staff in attendance:

Jack Safely, WMWD
Fakri Manghi, WMWD
Richard J. MacHott, Albert A. Webb Associates
Brad Sackett, Albert A. Webb Associates

Public Agency/General Public in Attendance:

Sam Wattana, Riverside Transit Agency
Michael McCoy, Riverside Transit Agency

Scoping Session began at 4:10 p.m. A presentation regarding the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report were made by Jack Safely and Richard J. MacHott.

Comments/Concerns expressed by Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) representatives Sam Wattana and Michael McCoy

Sometimes these types of projects will impact bus service. It is RTA's intent to keep bus stops open during construction within roadways. During construction, RTA may need to close or move bus stops and relocate bus shelters/benches. RTA works with local agencies to coordinate construction and its impacts on bus service. Among RTA's concerns are being able to notify the public of disruptions to the normal schedule and bus routing and the storage and return of bus stop amenities.

Typically, bus stops are between ¼ and ½ mile apart. The project will affect an estimated 20 to 30 bus stops.

At least one month prior to construction, Sam Wattana's office needs to be notified. Notification needs to include detailed maps showing where within the road right-of-way construction will occur and a construction schedule and duration. RTA will relocate bus stops as necessary and notify the public via its web site, flyers in buses and at bus stops.

Scoping session was ended at 4:48 p.m.

Environmental Documents and Assistance

Southern California Area Office

All actions proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation's Southern California Area Office (SCAO) are reviewed for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and many other laws, regulations, executive orders, and policies intended to protect environmental values.

Some SCAO actions are financial assistance agreements with local water agencies. In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, we try to avoid duplication of State and local environmental requirements by adopting documents prepared by our local partners under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) whenever possible.

Documents Now Available for Public Review

[Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project Federal Register Notice](#). The Bureau of Reclamation and the Western Municipal Water District will prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The public and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS/EIR and the proposed alternatives. Please send written comments to Amy Campbell, Southern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590; or email to ACampbell@usbr.gov by March 26, 2010.

Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project Reference Information:

[Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report - Western Municipal Water District, Riverside, CA](#) As lead agency for this action, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) will prepare a Draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project. (Released July 30, 2008)

[Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Supplemental EIR/EIS Scoping Information Summary](#)
Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, WMWD prepared an Initial Study in July 2008 to assess the potential significant effects which could result from the proposed action and determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) should be prepared. (Session held August 11, 2008)

[Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment Project Location Map](#) (Prepared December 7, 2009)

Mullholland Highway Recycled Water Transmission Main - Los Angeles County, CA Finding of No Significant Impact.

Federal funds are being provided for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to install approximately 9,000 feet of 24-inch diameter pipeline along Las Virgenes Road from the Tapia Water Reclamation Plant to Mulholland Highway. (Released October 23, 2009)

Vail Lake Transmission Main and Pump Station - Riverside County, CA Finding of No Significant Impact.

Federal funds are being provided for the Rancho California Water District to construct the Vail Lake Water Storage Pipeline and Pump Station Project which will connect Vail Lake to the District's imported water system via a transmission main and pump station. (Released October 8, 2009)

San Diego Creek Watershed Natural Treatment System

Environmental Assessment. The project consists of a series of constructed wetlands designed to improve water quality in San Diego Creek and upper Newport Bay, in Orange County, California. Comments can be submitted to: Doug McPherson, Bureau of Reclamation, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590; fax: (951) 695-5319; or e-mail: dmcpherson@usbr.gov until Sept 22nd.

Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water - Leon Road Booster Station and Benton Road Storage Tank & Pipeline

Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report. The project has three main components: a 7,000 gallon per minute water booster station, a 4 million gallon recycled water storage tank, and a 24-inch diameter recycled water pipeline. (Comment period CLOSED - ended Sept 3rd.)

Hi-Desert Water District Water Reclamation Facility, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System Project Initial Study/

Environmental Assessment. The project includes the construction of a centralized wastewater treatment and water reclamation facility and collection pipelines. (Comment period CLOSED - ended July 9th.)

Eastern Municipal Water District Proposed Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project Environmental

Assessment/Draft Program Environmental Impact Report. The project has three main components: the tank project, the Hemet Citrus in-lieu project, and pond pump stations. (Comment period CLOSED - ended June 18th.)

[Updated Department of the Interior regulations](#) for implementing NEPA (43 CFR Part 46) were published in the Federal Register on October 15, 2008 (73 FR 61291).

[Need More Information?](#)

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Doug McPherson,

Environmental Protection Specialist, at dmcpherson@usbr.gov or by phone at: (951) 695-5310.

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Boulder City, Nev.

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Released On: February 24, 2010

Reclamation will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Riverside Corona Feeder Project

The Bureau of Reclamation and the Western Municipal Water District (Western) announce that they will prepare a combined Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder project to comply with both Federal and California requirements. A notice of intent is being published in the Federal Register.

The proposed project is a large capacity water pipeline associated with aquifer storage and recovery. Up to 20 new groundwater wells may be installed at the Bunker Hill groundwater basin in San Bernardino County. Existing recharge basins will be used to store imported water and local Santa Ana River flows in the Bunker Hill basin during wet years for delivery to communities in western Riverside County in dry years via a 28-mile pipeline ranging up to 78 inches in diameter, designed to deliver up to 40,000 acre-feet per year. Other components of the project may include groundwater treatment facilities and water storage and pumping facilities. The first phase of the pipeline will also provide access to groundwater from the Chino Basin in San Bernardino County.

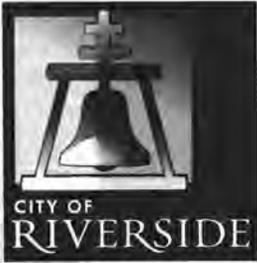
Western certified an EIR in 2005 under California law and issued a notice of preparation for a supplemental EIR in July 2008 to evaluate a proposed change in the pipeline alignment. The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 subsequently authorized the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the project.

A draft EIS/EIR is expected to be available for public review and comment in mid-June 2010. Copies can be downloaded from Reclamation's Southern California Area Office website, at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/envdocs.html>. The public and interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the draft EIS/EIR and the proposed pipeline route alternatives. Comments should be mailed to Ms. Amy Campbell, Water Resources Planner, Bureau of Reclamation, Southern California Area Office, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590, or submitted by e-mail to her at: acampbell@usbr.gov.

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March 26, 2010

Ms. Amy Campbell, Water Resources Planner
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation – Southern California Area Office
27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO PREPARE A JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIS/EIR) FOR THE RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PROJECT (RCF) WITH THE WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (WMWD)

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOI to prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed RCF project with the WMWD. As indicated in your letter, the project is intended to deliver water from the Bunker Hill groundwater basin in San Bernardino County to communities throughout western Riverside County via a 28-mile pipeline, up to 78 inches in diameter, and designed to deliver up to 40,000 acre-feet of water per year. The project would include the construction of up to 20 new groundwater wells in the Bunker Hill groundwater basin as well as a potential groundwater treatment plant and associated water storage and pumping facilities.

The Planning Division previously submitted comments related to this proposal to the Western Municipal Water District on August 27, 2008. Please refer to the comments and concerns expressed in the prior letter, as they remain valid and effective. The comments provided in this letter supplement and are in addition to the comments provided in the previous letter.

As outlined in Figure 1.0 – Alignment/Location (Revised December 7, 2009), the RCF project would cross the Santa Ana River into the City of Riverside, crossing under Van Buren Boulevard to Doolittle Avenue and continue south in Van Buren Boulevard. The alignment then traverses southeast in Jackson Street, west in Diana Avenue to Wilbur Street, then south under State Route 91 (SR-91). South of SR-91, the alignment continues northeast in Indiana Avenue, then southeast in Jackson Street, and connects to the approved RCF alignment near the intersection of Jackson Street and Cleveland Street.

As an alternative to the Jackson Street alignment, the placement of a portion of the project within Monroe Street is also being considered. The Monroe Street alignment would follow the above-described alignment from Van Buren Boulevard southeast in Jackson Street only to Colorado

Avenue. At that point the alignment will continue northeast in Colorado Avenue to Monroe Street, then southeast in Monroe Street, under SR-91, and continue southeast to the intersection of Monroe Street and Cleveland Avenue. At that point, the alignment would continue southwest in Cleveland Avenue to connect with the approved RCF alignment at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Irving Street.

City staff has assessed this NOI for the RCF project and offers the following comments for your consideration:

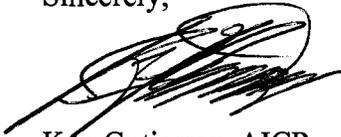
- City Public Works staff does not support construction of the RCF project within the Van Buren Boulevard segment of the proposed RCF alignment. The City recently completed a series of improvements to Van Buren Boulevard which included several subsurface utility infrastructure upgrades. It was initially the desire of the City for WMWD to construct the pipeline along with the City's improvements. However, the timing of the RCF project was such that this was unable to occur. Given the City's recent investment, further disruptions in this area would be counterproductive.
- Given the above comment, City staff recommends that the prospective EIS/EIR consider alternative alignments to the Van Buren Boulevard segment of the proposed RCF alignment. In previous discussions, an alternative alignment has been proposed along Riverview Drive. This proposal would veer from Limonite Drive heading southwest in Riverview Drive, cross the Santa Ana River into the City of Riverside, and possibly connect to the Monroe Street alignment option directly, or head southwest in Colorado Avenue to reach Jackson Street.
- If the Van Buren Boulevard segment remains as the only viable option for the proposed RCF alignment, close coordination between the City of Riverside, the Bureau of Reclamation, and WMWD will be required. Given the recent improvements made to Van Buren Boulevard which included several subsurface utility infrastructure upgrades, there may be insufficient space to locate a pipeline of any size in Van Buren Boulevard. Please contact Ed Lara – Senior Engineer at (951) 826-2337 in the City's Public Works Department to begin the necessary analysis to determine if sufficient space is available.
- The prospective EIS/EIR needs to analyze traffic impacts resulting from lane closures caused by construction of the RCF project. While a project of this type is unlikely to add vehicle trips to the area's roadways, lane closures may significantly impact vehicular traffic by reducing presently available capacity. If left unmitigated, this may lead to increased levels of congestion and delays. In addition, diversion of vehicle traffic to other roadways, which are not suitable for increased traffic demand, needs to be avoided. The impact of diverting traffic onto secondary streets needs to be fully evaluated and mitigated to the maximum extent feasible. This is of particular concern where the RCF project intends to traverse established residential areas. As a result, the prospective EIS/EIR needs to fully analyze and mitigate for all related traffic impacts (at all times) caused by construction of the RCF project.
- The prospective EIS/EIR needs to consider the potential impact to the provision of emergency services resulting from construction of the RCF project. Access needs to be

provided at all times so as to ensure no interruptions in the provision of service in anticipation of construction activities and associated lane closures. Adequate mitigation should be developed to ensure that safe access is provided at all times to emergency service vehicles.

Please note that the City of Riverside Public Utilities may be submitting additional comments under a separate cover letter.

City staff appreciates your collaboration on this project and looks forward to continue working with the Bureau of Reclamation and WMWD. Please forward copies of all revised plans, staff reports, and environmental documents – as they may pertain to this project – to the Planning Division for further review. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Moises A. Lopez, Associate Planner at (951) 826-5264 or by email at mlopez@riversideca.gov.

Sincerely,



Ken Gutierrez, AICP
Planning Director

cc: Ronald Loveridge, Mayor
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Kristi Smith, Supervising Deputy City Attorney
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Director of Public Works

March 23, 2010

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Bureau of Reclamation
Southern California Area Office
Attn: Ms. Amy Campbell, Water Resources Planner
27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202
Temecula, CA 92590

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PROJECT

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Thank you for giving the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works and Flood Control District the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project.

Flood Control Planning Division (Omar Gonzalez, P.E. Public Works Engineer, (909) 387-8120):

The Flood Control Planning Division has reviewed the information available for this project on the Bureau of Reclamation's website <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/envdocs/html>. Based on the limited details available, our only comments at this time are to be aware of the flood control facilities in the vicinity of your alignment and that a permit application submittal and review will be required.

Water Resources Division (Mary Lou Mermilliod, Public Works Engineer II, (909) 387-8213):

According to the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the proposed pipeline near the Santa Ana River appears to be in Zones A99 and X shaded, the proposed pipeline near Reche Canyon Creek appears to be within Zones A, AO, and X shaded, the proposed pipeline near Barton Storm Drain and De Berry Storm Drain appear to be in Zone X unshaded. Our comments are as follows:

1. We recommend that the proposed pipeline be constructed in a manner not to alter the direction, elevation or capacity of any existing drainage facility, and that the line be placed below all drainage course scour depths.
2. It is assumed that the cities will establish adequate provisions for intercepting and conducting any accumulated drainage around or through the site areas in a manner which will not adversely affect adjacent or downstream properties.

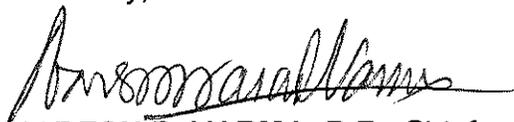
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3. The project should incorporate the most recent FEMA floodplain regulations.
4. Prior to any encroachment on Flood Control District right-of-way, a permit shall be obtained from the District's Flood Control Operations Division, Permit Section. Other off-site or on-site improvements may be required which cannot be determined at this time.
5. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' approval may also be required for work near the Santa Ana River. Information regarding this item can be obtained from the District's Flood Control Operations Division, Permit Section.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Division that provided the comments, as listed above.

Sincerely,



NARESH P. VARMA, P.E., Chief
Environmental Management Division

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cc: / Linda Mawby
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South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Ms. Amy Campbell
Southern California Area Office
Bureau of Reclamation
27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202
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Dear Ms. Campbell:

Notice of Intent Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIS upon its completion. **In addition, please send with the draft EIS all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality analysis and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. Electronic files include spreadsheets, database files, input files, output files, etc., and does not mean Adobe PDF files. Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

Air Quality Analysis

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. Alternatively, the lead agency may wish to consider using the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved URBEMIS 2007 Model. This model is available on the SCAQMD Website at: www.urbemis.com.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM2.5 emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM2.5 calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM2.5 emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM2.5 significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM2.5 emissions and PM2.5 significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html.

In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

Mitigation Measures

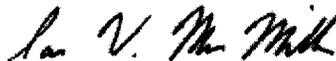
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

Data Sources

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. Please call Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Ian MacMillan

Program Supervisor, CEQA Inter-Governmental Review
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March 8, 2010

Attn: Amy Campbell, Water Resources Planner
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Re: Riverside-Corona Feeder Project

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided to us on said project has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although it is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas. This project location is in close proximity to known village sites and is a shared use area that was used in ongoing trade between the Luiseño and Cahuilla tribes. Therefore it is regarded as highly sensitive to the people of Soboba.

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians is requesting the following:

1. **Government to Government** consultation in accordance to SB18. Including the transfer of information to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians regarding the progress of this project should be done as soon as new developments occur.
2. Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians continues to be a lead consulting tribal entity for this project.
3. Working in and around traditional use areas intensifies the possibility of encountering cultural resources during the construction/excavation phase. For this reason the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians requests that Native American Monitor(s) from the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Cultural Resource Department to be present during any ground disturbing proceedings. Including surveys and archaeological testing.
4. Request that proper procedures be taken and requests of the tribe be honored (Please see the attachment)

Sincerely,



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Soboba Cultural Resource Department
P.O. Box 487
San Jacinto, CA 92581
Phone (951) 654-5544 ext. 4137
Cell (951) 663-5279
jontiveros@soboba-nsn.gov

Cultural Items (Artifacts). Ceremonial items and items of cultural patrimony reflect traditional religious beliefs and practices of the Soboba Band. The Developer should agree to return all Native American ceremonial items and items of cultural patrimony that may be found on the project site to the Soboba Band for appropriate treatment. In addition, the Soboba Band requests the return of all other cultural items (artifacts) that are recovered during the course of archaeological investigations. Where appropriate and agreed upon in advance, Developer's archeologist may conduct analyses of certain artifact classes if required by CEQA, Section 106 of NHPA, the mitigation measures or conditions of approval for the Project. This may include but is not limited or restricted to include shell, bone, ceramic, stone or other artifacts.

The Developer should waive any and all claims to ownership of Native American ceremonial and cultural artifacts that may be found on the Project site. Upon completion of authorized and mandatory archeological analysis, the Developer should return said artifacts to the Soboba Band within a reasonable time period agreed to by the Parties and not to exceed (30) days from the initial recovery of the items.

Treatment and Disposition of Remains

A. The Soboba Band shall be allowed, under California Public Resources Code § 5097.98 (a), to (1) inspect the site of the discovery and (2) make determinations as to how the human remains and grave goods shall be treated and disposed of with appropriate dignity.

B. The Soboba Band, as MLD, shall complete its inspection within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notification from either the Developer or the NAHC, as required by California Public Resources Code § 5097.98 (a). The Parties agree to discuss in good faith what constitutes "appropriate dignity" as that term is used in the applicable statutes.

C. Reburial of human remains shall be accomplished in compliance with the California Public Resources Code § 5097.98 (a) and (b). The Soboba Band, as the MLD in consultation with the Developer, shall make the final discretionary determination regarding the appropriate disposition and treatment of human remains.

D. All parties are aware that the Soboba Band may wish to rebury the human remains and associated ceremonial and cultural items (artifacts) on or near, the site of their discovery, in an area that shall not be subject to future subsurface disturbances. The Developer should accommodate on-site reburial in a location mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

E. The term "human remains" encompasses more than human bones because the Soboba Band's traditions periodically necessitated the ceremonial burning of human remains. Grave goods are those artifacts associated with any human remains. These items, and other funerary remnants and their ashes are to be treated in the same manner as human bone fragments or bones that remain intact

Coordination with County Coroner's Office. The Lead Agencies and the Developer should immediately contact both the Coroner and the Soboba Band in the event that any human remains are discovered during implementation of the Project. If the Coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American, or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, the Coroner shall ensure that notification is provided to the NAHC within twenty-four (24) hours of the determination, as required by California Health and Safety Code § 7050.5 (c).

Non-Disclosure of Location Reburials. It is understood by all parties that unless otherwise required by law, the site of any reburial of Native American human remains or cultural artifacts shall not be disclosed and shall not be governed by public disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act. The Coroner, parties, and Lead Agencies, will be asked to withhold public disclosure information related to such reburial, pursuant to the specific exemption set forth in California Government Code § 6254 (r).

Ceremonial items and items of cultural patrimony reflect traditional religious beliefs and practices of the Soboba Band. The Developer agrees to return all Native American ceremonial items and items of cultural patrimony that may be found on the project site to the Soboba Band for appropriate treatment. In addition, the Soboba Band requests the return of all other cultural items (artifacts) that are recovered during the course of archaeological investigations. Where appropriate and agreed upon in advance, Developer's archeologist may conduct analyses of certain artifact classes if required by CEQA, Section 106 of NHPA, the mitigation measures or conditions of approval for the Project. This may include but is not limited or restricted to include shell, bone, ceramic, stone or other artifacts.

RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Session
August 11, 2008

Summary of Proceedings

Staff in attendance:

Jack Safely, WMWD
Fakri Manghi, WMWD
Richard J. MacHott, Albert A. Webb Associates
Brad Sackett, Albert A. Webb Associates

Public Agency/General Public in Attendance:

Sam Wattana, Riverside Transit Agency
Michael McCoy, Riverside Transit Agency

Scoping Session began at 4:10 p.m. A presentation regarding the Riverside-Corona Feeder Pipeline Realignment and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report were made by Jack Safely and Richard J. MacHott.

Comments/Concerns expressed by Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) representatives Sam Wattana and Michael McCoy

Sometimes these types of projects will impact bus service. It is RTA's intent to keep bus stops open during construction within roadways. During construction, RTA may need to close or move bus stops and relocate bus shelters/benches. RTA works with local agencies to coordinate construction and its impacts on bus service. Among RTA's concerns are being able to notify the public of disruptions to the normal schedule and bus routing and the storage and return of bus stop amenities.

Typically, bus stops are between ¼ and ½ mile apart. The project will affect an estimated 20 to 30 bus stops.

At least one month prior to construction, Sam Wattana's office needs to be notified. Notification needs to include detailed maps showing where within the road right-of-way construction will occur and a construction schedule and duration. RTA will relocate bus stops as necessary and notify the public via its web site, flyers in buses and at bus stops.

Scoping session was ended at 4:48 p.m.



RIVERSIDE-CORONA FEEDER PIPELINE REALIGNMENT

Draft Supplemental
Environmental Impact Report

Scoping Session
August 11, 2008



Purpose of Scoping Session



- Brief the public
- Receive input relative to potential environmental issues



Scoping Session Procedures

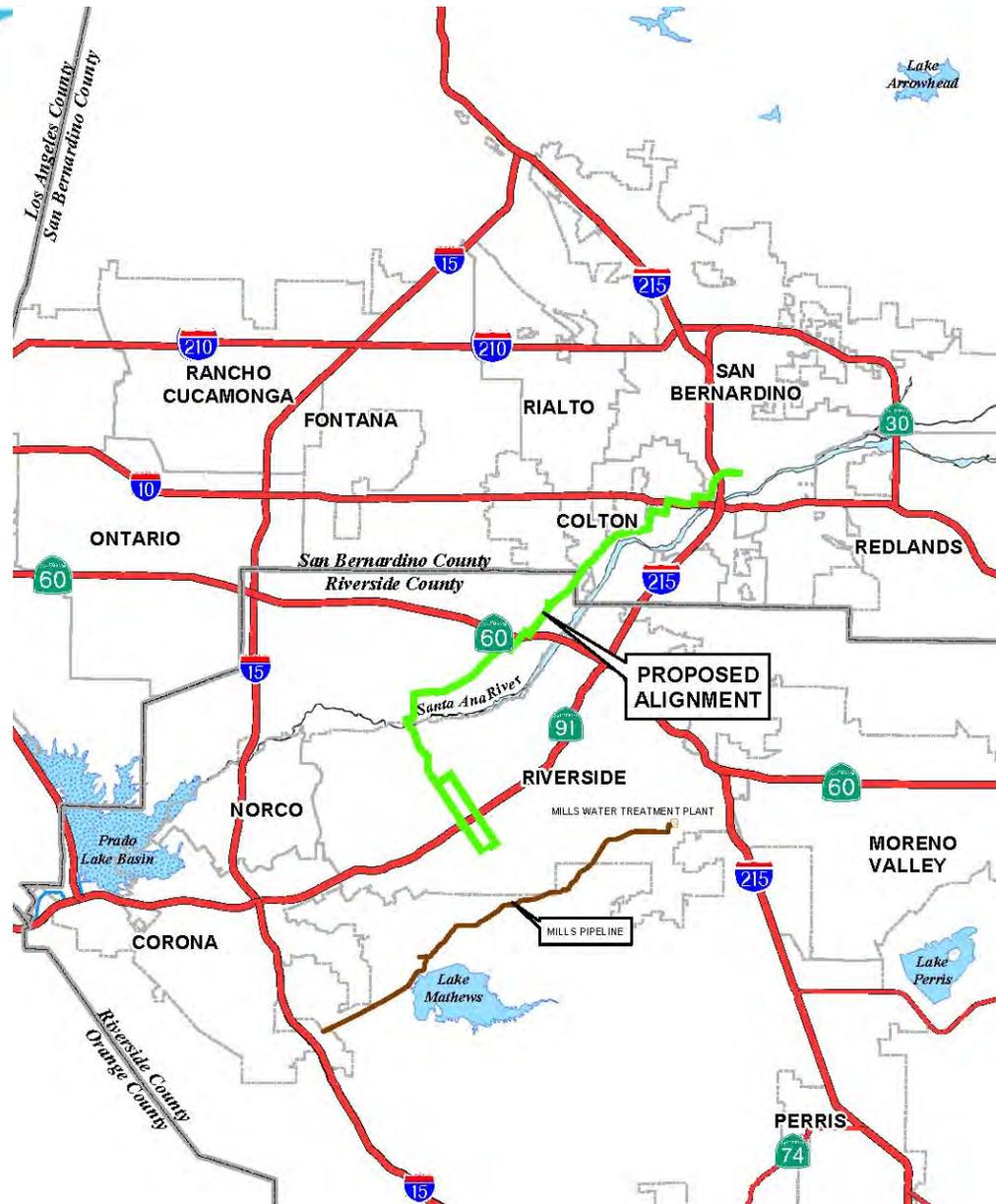


- Public testimony is limited to identifying environmental issues
- Immediate responses to any concerns raised may not be provided
- Issues raised in testimony will be addressed in Supplemental EIR





Project Location



Riverside-Corona Feeder



- The Riverside-Corona Feeder Project (RCF) will
 - Deliver water from San Bernardino County groundwater basins
 - Purchase water when available and store it for use when needed.
- The purpose of the RCF is to:
 - Improve the reliability of WMWD's water supply
 - Reduce dependence upon imported water
 - Improve groundwater quality
 - Contribute to Upper Santa Ana Watershed efforts to become drought-proof
- The original *Final Environmental Impact Report for the RCF* was certified on May 18, 2005

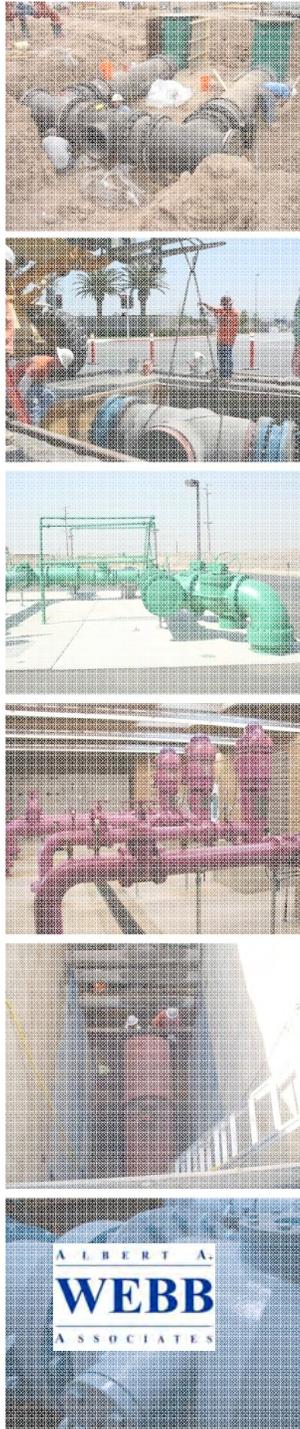


Proposed Alternative Alignment

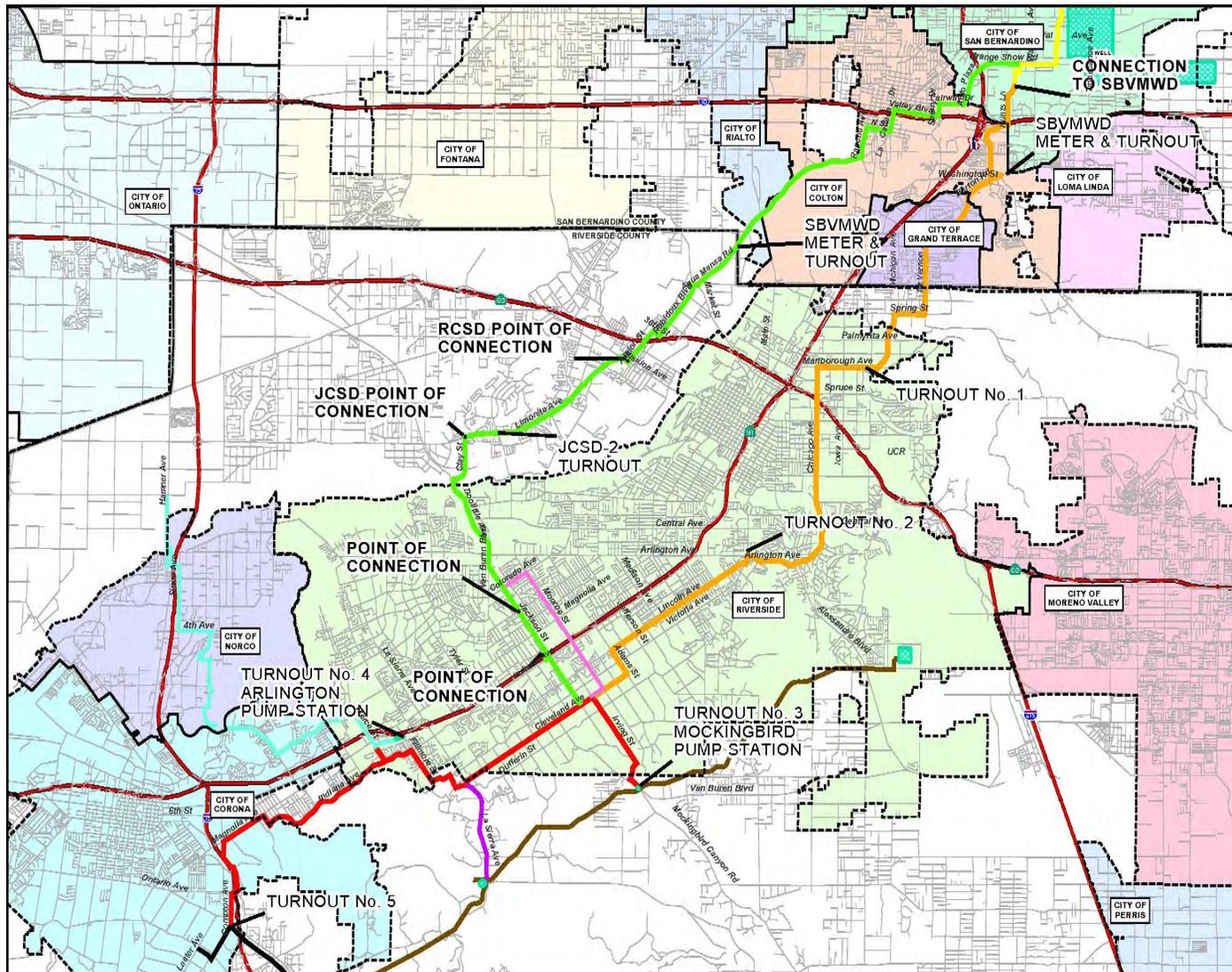


- The Project proposes an alternative alignment
- Approximately 20.5 miles of pipeline
- Constructed in:
 - Primarily within Rights-of-way of existing roads
 - Under I-10, SR- 60 and SR 91
 - Under the Santa Ana River
- Located within portions of:
 - Unincorporated Riverside County
 - City of San Bernardino
 - City of Colton
 - City of Rialto
 - Unincorporated San Bernardino County
 - City of Riverside





Proposed Project with Previous Alignment/Location



Initial Study



- Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (NOP) circulated for 30-Day CEQA public review period.
- NOP Comment Period: July 31, 2008 to August 29, 2008.



Direct and Cumulative Environmental Impacts To Be Analyzed in EIR



- Air Quality (including Climate Change)
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- General Plan Consistency
- Noise
- Mandatory CEQA Topics (Cumulative Impacts, Unavoidable Adverse Impacts, Alternatives, etc.)



DEIR Technical Studies Being Prepared



- Air Quality Analysis
- Biological Surveys
- Cultural Resources Survey
- Hazardous Material Database Search
- Noise Study



Project Alternatives to be Analyzed



- If EIR analysis finds unavoidable significant impacts, alternatives will be analyzed that:
 - Avoid or substantially lessening any significant effects
 - Meeting the basic objectives of the project.





Comments Regarding Scope of EIR

May be submitted in writing by August 29, 2008 to:

Western Municipal Water District
Attn: Jack Safely, P.E., Director of Water Resources
450 Alessandro Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92517-5286