



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE USE OF WATER FROM THE GLENDALE WATER TREATMENT PLANT



Background

The City of Glendale Department of Water and Power delivers water to 190,000 Glendale residents. Historically the sources of water consisted of local groundwater pumped from the Verdugo and San Fernando groundwater basins and the purchase of water from the Metropolitan Water District.

In the early 1980s, it was discovered that much of the water in the overall San Fernando Valley groundwater basin contained volatile organic compounds associated with past industry practices. This impacted water supplies available to the cities of Glendale, Burbank, and Los Angeles. Under the auspices of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, plans were developed to pump and treat the groundwater supplies in the San Fernando Valley and to deliver the treated water to customers. To date, pump and treatment water facilities have been constructed in North Hollywood, Burbank, and the Los Feliz area in Los Angeles. A similar pump and treatment facility has been constructed in the City of Glendale. The plan is to deliver this treated water to the citizens of Glendale. The Department of Health Services (DOHS) is considering an amendment to the City's Water Supply permit to allow the use of this treated water as part of the City's supply.

Proposed Project

The project consists of a 5,000 gallon per minute capacity groundwater treatment plant, 8 groundwater production wells, and a conveyance pipeline system. The conveyance system transports the groundwater from the production wells to the treatment plant and from the treatment plant to the Glendale water system. The construction of the facilities has been completed. Four of the wells are located in the City of Los Angeles along Goodwin Avenue (south of Colorado Boulevard). The other four wells and the treatment plant are located in the City of Glendale northeast of the intersection of State Route 134 and Interstate 5. The treatment consists of the best available treatment technology, incorporating air stripping towers followed by filtering through Granular Activated Carbon and disinfection facilities.

This project will provide about 23 percent of the water used in the City, reducing dependence on imported water from the Metropolitan Water District. Because this project will be treating an impaired water supply, the DOHS has required the preparation of a major study to assure the public that this treated drinking water supply is safe. This study, along with a comprehensive evaluation of the facilities, plus the experiences at other water facilities, has shown that the proposed facilities can provide a source of water to the public that meets federal and state drinking water regulations. The Glendale City Council complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Copies of all reports regarding this project may be viewed at the Glendale Central Library at 222 E. Harvard St. Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Miriam Sykes, (818) 548-3966, in the Glendale Water Department at 141 N. Glendale Ave., Level 4, Glendale, CA 91206. You can also contact her via e-mail at MSykes@ci.glendale.ca.us. A Fact Sheet discussing the provisions in the DOHS permit amendment is available from Ms. Sykes or on the City's website www.ci.glendale.ca.us.