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Project Title: Western San Bernardino County Distribution System Infrastructure Protection Program EIR

Lead Agency: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Project Location: San Bernardino County and portions of Riverside County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed program is composed of two primary components: (1) the design, construction, and operation of proposed CIP infrastructure maintenance projects within the Western San Bernardino County Operating Region and (2) the preparation and adoption of an O&M Manual and implementation of covered O&M activities throughout the Western San Bernardino County Operating Region. These two program components are referred to collectively in this document as the “proposed program.” The O&M activities described in the Draft O&M Manual (Appendix A) are currently conducted by Metropolitan, but have been subject to CEQA review and permit issuance on a project-by-project basis, as needed. The implementation of the O&M Manual would enable a range of routine and single-occurrence O&M activities to occur within Metropolitan’s Western San Bernardino County Operating Region on a systematic, scheduled basis.

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The following environmental factors would be potentially affected by the proposed program: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems. However, only Biological Resources and Cultural Resources would result in potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation. Mitigation measures include MM-BIO-1: Nesting Bird Surveys, MM-BIO-2: Compensation for Impacts to Federally and State Listed Species Habitat, MM-BIO-3: Pre-Construction Bird Surveys, MM-BIO-4: Biological Monitoring, MM-BIO-5: Compensation for Impacts to Jurisdictional Wetlands and Waters, MM-CUL-1: Avoidance of Impacts to Cultural Resources, MM-CUL-2: Paleontological Resource Impact Mitigation Program, MM-CUL-3: Preparation, Curation, and Reporting of Vertebrae Fossils, MM-CUL-4: Phase 1 Cultural Resources and/or Paleontological Survey, MM-CUL-5: Protective Measures for Archaeological Resources, MM-CUL-6: Phase II Cultural Resources Evaluation, and MM-CUL-7: Phase III Data Recovery Plan. With incorporation of these mitigation measures, potentially significant impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The following issues were raised in written responses to the Notice of Preparation:

• It was recommended that the appropriate regional archaeological information center be contacted and if required, a professional report be prepared detailing the findings and recommendation of the records search and field survey.
• It was recommended that mitigation plans be in place for subsurface archaeological finds.
• Encroachment permits and coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was requested prior to construction for any proposed work in the vicinity of Caltrans' right-of-way.
• Permit review was recommended for work within the San Bernardino Flood Control District right-of-way or grading that will alter drainage flows.
• Recent biological surveys and mitigation measures to compensate for the loss of native flora and fauna and state waters were requested.
• It was recommended that Metropolitan obtain a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit if the program would result in take of an endangered species.
• Notification under Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game for potential impacts to streambeds was requested.
• It was recommended that measures be taken to avoid impacts to California Endangered Species Act listed species, rare natural communities, and nesting birds.
• The Auto Club Speedway requested that Metropolitan coordinate with private landowners prior to CIP projects or O&M activities.
• Submittal of the Draft EIR and all appendices or technical documents related to air quality and greenhouse gas analyses to the South Coast Air Quality Management District was requested.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District; California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Inland Deserts Region (Region 6); California Department of Transportation (District 8); California State Office of Historic Preservation; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 8 (Santa Ana); San Bernardino County Public Works; San Bernardino County Land Use Services; Local jurisdictions (as appropriate).