FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
For the
Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant and Recycled Water System Facilities
Design and Construction

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering an award to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District to fund final design and construction. The proposed project would modify the existing Grass Valley wastewater treatment plant, in Lake Arrowhead, to incorporate additional treatment capability that will allow the district to produce wastewater of sufficient quality to use for recycled purposes. The project is located in the unincorporated area known as Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Lake Arrowhead Community Services District plans to increase the level of treatment and the treatment capacity of the District's Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant to produce 1.0 million gallons per day of effluent for beneficial uses within the district. The project requires the construction of a recycled water conveyance system that will include 1.0 million gallons of storage, a 2,500 gallons per minute high head pump station, a 15,000 lineal foot 14-inch diameter transmission pipeline, and modification of the intended user's irrigation system. The initial end user of the recycled water is the Lake Arrowhead Country Club Golf Course.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND CONDITIONS

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), which examined the potential environmental impacts and alternative to the proposed project. The EA considered a wide range of regulatory, environmental and socio-economic factors, including Land Use, Water Quality, Air Quality, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, Endangered Species, Environmental Justice, Resource Use Patterns, Noise and Visual Resources/Aesthetics. Based on information from the EA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the proposed project, the Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant and Recycled Water System Facilities, will not pose significant impacts to the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The EA is on file, along with other project materials, and is available for public inspection at the EPA Southern California Field Office in Los Angeles, CA. Copies of the EA are also available for public review at the Lake Arrowhead Branch Public Library, 27235 Highway 189, Blue Jay, CA 92317 and the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Office, 28200 State Highway 189, Building O3, Suite 160, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. In addition, the EA will be posted on

the EPA website at http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html and the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District web site at: http://www.lakearrowheadcsd.com/

To obtain additional information about the project, please contact Howard Kahan by email at: kahan.howard@epa.gov or by calling (213)244-1819.

All interested persons may submit comments to EPA Region 9 by July 6, 2007. No administrative action will be taken on this proposed project prior to the expiration of the comment period. Comments, via letter, fax or email, should be sent to Howard Kahan at the address listed below.

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FINDING

After EPA assesses any comments received, those comments, EPA's responses and this FONSI will be forwarded to the Regional Administrator for review and signature. If this FONSI is signed by the Regional Administrator, it will not be re-circulated for review, but will be available to any individual upon request.

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Wayne Nastri
Regional Administrator

Date