UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
For the City of San Bernardino Palm No. 3 Reservoir Project

The City of San Bernardino received an appropriation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund the construction of a 4.0 million gallon (MG) drinking water reservoir. The project is located next to two existing 5.0 MG and 0.325 MG reservoirs, above ground storage reservoirs, a water pumping station, and a hydro-generation station. The new reservoir will provide safe and reliable drinking water along with emergency and fire flow water storage. The College-Palm pressure zone to be served by the reservoir has a 3.2 MG deficiency in emergency storage which would be addressed by the proposed reservoir. EPA awarded funding for the project as part of a congressional earmark grant. The total project cost is $3,401,272.73 ($1,870,700.00 federal, $1,530,572.73 match).

The EPA has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated December 2008 to evaluate the environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternatives along with the no action alternative. As a result of the EA, EPA has determined the action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The following supports the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA prepared an 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, Hydrology and Water Quality, Air Quality, Historic and Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Environmental Justice, Noise and Aesthetics. Based on information from the EA, EPA has determined that the proposed project will not pose significant impacts to the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Public Review

The EA is available for public review at the offices of the EPA Southern California Field Office in Los Angeles, CA. In addition, the EA will be posted on the EPA website at http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html .

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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 January 15, 2009. 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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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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Regional Administrator