ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

PUREWOTER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Process





Is EIR scoping for community members

like me?

You!

Yes, you! And your family, neighbors, and friends are encouraged to participate in Pure Water Southern California's EIR scoping process. You have knowledge of your community, potential local impacts and concerns that we want to be sure are considered. Your perspective and input matters.

What is **Pure Water Southern California?**

Pure Water Southern California is a water recycling program that would provide a new sustainable supply of water for the region.

How Much Time Do I Have?

Submit your scoping comments by November 14, 2022.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Please visit our website at www.mwdh2o.com/purewater. You may also email us at purewater@mwdh2o.com or call 213-217-7262.

Pure Water Southern California would produce up to 150 million gallons of purified water daily – enough for 1.5 million people. It is a partnership between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

The next major step for Pure Water Southern California is completing its environmental review. The environmental review process will allow Metropolitan and the Sanitation Districts to explore and understand the program's potential impacts to our communities and our environment.

What is the EIR **Scoping Process?**

The first part of the environmental review process is the "scoping" phase, where the scope of the EIR is developed. The scoping phase is initiated by a Notice of Preparation that notifies public agencies and interested parties, including members of the public, that an EIR will be prepared. The types of environmental issues, questions, and concerns to study in the EIR are identified during the scoping phase.

For more information:

Visit our website www.mwdh2o.com/purewater







How do I participate? Participate in these three steps!



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#1

Learn more about Pure Water Southern California, including if any of the proposed facilities and pipelines are near or in your community

- Review the Notice of Preparation available on the Pure Water Southern California website, which includes information about Pure Water and the location of proposed facilities.
- Visit the Pure Water Southern California website.
- Attend a virtual public scoping meeting and/or community event. The dates, times, and locations of these events are posted on our website. Additional information is provided in Step 3 below.

Step





Prepare your scoping comments

When preparing your scoping comments, consider how Pure Water Southern California may impact communities and the environment. Think about the **construction** and **long-term operations** of the facilities and describe any specific insights you might have. Please also share any ideas for alternatives and strategies that could help reduce potential impacts.

Potential topics to consider include: Aesthetics, Agriculture & Forestry, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Geology & Soils (including Paleontological Resources), Mineral Resources, Noise, Population & Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities & Service Systems, and Wildfire

Step

#2



Submit your scoping comments



Email ep@mwdh2o.com and use Pure Water Southern California in the subject line



US mail to

Ms. Ana Reyes
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Environmental Planning Section
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153



Submit via an online comment portal on the Pure Water Southern California website



Provide verbal comments by attending a virtual public scoping meeting. Live

a virtual public scoping meeting. Live translation in Spanish will be offered. Live translation to other languages may be made available upon request. Please e-mail your language needs to purewater@mwdh2o.com at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Virtual Public Scoping Meeting Dates and Times:

Wednesday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 12 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.

Visit our booth at a community event near you:

Saturday, October 1, Carson Jazz Festival, Anderson Park

Friday, October 7, Azusa Golden Days Festival Memorial Park

Saturday, October 15, Water Fest Arcadia County Park

Saturday, October 22, Water HarvestEdward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, El Segundo

Thursday, November 3, Long Beach Uptown Farmers Market Atlantic Ave & E. 46th St

What are the steps in the Environmental Review Process?

During the environmental review process, Metropolitan and the Sanitation Districts will prepare an EIR. Development of the EIR includes three major steps and public involvement opportunities.



Scoping - During this phase, the types of environmental issues, questions, and concerns to study in the scope of the EIR are identified. Your ideas and perspectives are important because feedback provided will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIR.

Scoping is scheduled for September 30 - November 14, 2022.



Draft EIR - The draft report will be made available to the public for review to allow community members the opportunity to provide feedback and comments. Metropolitan staff will review comments, prepare responses, and revise the EIR as needed.

The release of the Draft EIR is planned for Summer 2023.



Final EIR - The Metropolitan Board of Directors will review and consider certification of a Final EIR during a board meeting, which will be open to the public.

Certification of the Final EIR is planned for early 2024.

