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Project Impacts: The Draft PEIR analyzes the potential impacts on the following resource issue areas: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology/water quality, land use, noise, tribal cultural resources and traffic. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Project to reduce potential significant impacts to air quality, aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, tribal cultural resources, and traffic. The Project would not result in any significant or unavoidable impacts. The project components would not be located on any sites that are on a list of hazardous material sites enumerated under Government Code 65962.

Availability of Draft EIR: The Draft PEIR and Technical Appendices are available for public review at <https://www.ocwd.com/working-with-us/public-notices/>. The Draft PEIR and Technical Appendices are also available for public review at the Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA. Please submit written comments on the Draft PEIR on or before January 27, 2025 to Shawn Nevill, Orange County Water District 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, 92708. Please direct any questions to Shawn Nevill at (714) 378-3256 or at snevill@ocwd.com.

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Sandra Campos

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
 Proposed Interim Remedial Action Plan
 South Basin Groundwater Protection Project
 Orange County, California**



The Orange County Water District (OCWD or District) encourages the public to comment on the Proposed Interim Remedial Action Plan (Proposed Plan) for the South Basin Groundwater Protection Project (SBGPP), which is located along the CA 55 freeway between Edinger Ave. and Main St., in Orange County, California (Project Area, Figure 1). In compliance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Proposed Plan presents OCWD's proposed remedial approach to address risks to human health and the environment within the Project Area. The Proposed Plan proposes the preferred remedy of groundwater extraction and treatment to prevent current and future exposure to contaminated groundwater within Operable Unit 2 (OU2).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OCWD invites interested members of the public to review and comment on the Proposed Plan during a 45-day Public Comment Period, from December 13, 2024, through January 27, 2025. Public comments submitted in writing must be postmarked or emailed no later than January 27, 2025. If you have any questions or wish to comment on this project, please contact OCWD's SBGPP project manager, Mr. Bill Leever, by phone at (714) 378-3245, by email at bleever@ocwd.com, or by mail at: Orange County Water District, Attn: Bill Leever, 17800 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

PUBLIC MEETING

OCWD will host a Public Meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan and receive public comments.

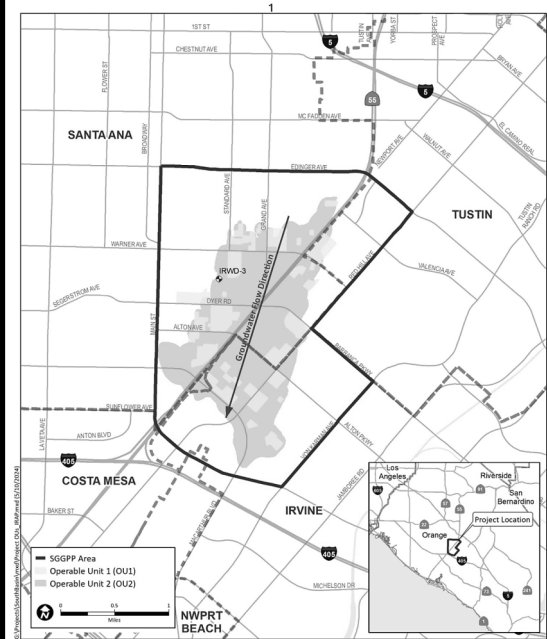
Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
 Delhi Center
 505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707

A Public Meeting to present the SBGPP Draft Program Environmental Impact Report will immediately follow the Proposed Plan public meeting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Proposed Plan and other project documents are available for review via OCWD's website at <https://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/groundwater-cleanup/south-basin/> and at the library locations presented below. You may also request a copy of the Proposed Plan for the SBGPP by contacting OCWD's project manager, Mr. Bill Leever, at (714) 378-3245 or bleever@ocwd.com.

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South Basin Groundwater Protection Project
 Project Area and Operable Units

Figure 1