

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## Sterling Natural Resource Center Groundwater Recharge and Replenishment Project

**Location:** San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

380 E Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

**Date | Time:** Thursday July 13, 2017 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing on the Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC or Project). The hearing is being held in accordance with Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 3, §60320.102 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 22).

**Project:** The SNRC is a new groundwater recharge and replenishment project using recycled water proposed by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District). The SNRC would produce recycled water from East Valley Water District (EVWD) wastewater flows, to assist the region in reducing its reliance on imported water and to retain water supplies higher in the watershed for regional benefit, including recharge of the Bunker Hill B groundwater basin and support of Santa Ana River system habitats. The SNRC consists of a new wastewater treatment facility, modifications to EVWD's wastewater collection facilities, and new treated water conveyance and discharge structures. The SNRC would produce disinfected tertiary recycled water (Title 22 quality for unrestricted use). Recycled water would be used to recharge Bunker Hill B with up to approximately 11,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water at designated discharge locations at City Creek and Redlands Basins. In addition, the Project would provide an opportunity to create and enhance riparian and aquatic habitats in City Creek (a tributary to Santa Ana River) to support threatened fisheries.

**Available Information:** A copy of the Title 22 Engineering Report is available for public review at the Valley District office and website:

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District 380 E Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

http://www.sbvmwd.com/reports/reports/-folder-1080

Valley District's office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Any questions regarding this project may be directed to Heather Dyer at (909) 387-9256 or <a href="heatherd@sbymwd.com">heatherd@sbymwd.com</a>.

**Public Hearing:** The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water and Valley District will conduct the public hearing as part of the Title 22 approval process. The public hearing will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by opportunity for public comments and questions.

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Specific language translators can be made available at the hearing. To obtain translation services, please contact Heather Dyer at (909) 387-9256 or <a href="heatherd@sbvmwd.com">heatherd@sbvmwd.com</a> by June 30, 2017.

**Public Comments:** All public comments on the SNRC Title 22 Engineering Report must be submitted in writing and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday July 17, 2017**, via mail, fax, or email to:

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