



## Los Angeles County Flood Control District



### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

#### United Rock Quarry No. 3 Project / Buena Vista SPS

**To:** Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Other Agencies, and Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Project Title:** United Rock Quarry No. 3 Project / Buena Vista SPS (SCH No. 2016051042)

**Lead Agency:** Los Angeles County Flood Control District

**Project Location:** 1137 Meridian Street, Irwindale, CA (see Figure 1)

**Public Review Period:** December 14, 2017 through January 29, 2018

In accordance with Section 15087 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify responsible and trustee agencies, other public agencies, and any interested parties that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed United Rock Quarry No. 3 Project / Buena Vista SPS (Project) pursuant to CEQA. The EIR provides the responsible and trustee agencies, other public agencies, and interested parties, as well as the public, with information about the potential environmental effects anticipated as a result of the proposed Project.

**Project Description:** Under the Project, the District would purchase Quarry No. 3 from United Rock Products Corporation (United Rock) and use it as a sediment placement site (SPS) (to be called Buena Vista SPS). The Project would involve the use of Quarry No. 3 as a permanent placement location for sediment removed from the District's reservoirs, debris basins, spreading grounds, and other facilities. The Project would include a Project construction phase and a Project operations phase. Construction activities would include necessary improvements to the Quarry No. 3 site, the Buena Vista Spreading Basin site, and Buena Vista Street (and potentially Meridian Street, Bateman Avenue, and Miguel Miranda Avenue) to enable trucks to dispose of material in the new Buena Vista SPS. The District would begin Project construction in 2019 and Project operation in 2020. Placement of sediment at Buena Vista SPS would occur for approximately 50 years; therefore, the anticipated end date of the Project's operations would be in the year 2070.

Project operation would be intermittent, with many periods of low or no use of Buena Vista SPS. Operation of the Project includes the hauling and depositing of sediment collected from the District's facilities throughout the County into the Buena Vista SPS. During normal sediment placement operations, peak truck trips to the Project site could include 50 round trip truck trips per hour, either in the morning or afternoon hours, for a total of 400 round trip truck trips per day over an 8-hour period. The Project also involves sediment placement during emergency operations, which would be the result of emergency sediment removal projects at the District's facilities. In emergency situations, sediment may be needed to be placed at Buena Vista SPS 24 hours per day. The Project site is not identified on the lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

The Draft EIR identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of the Project as the site is converted from United Rock Quarry No. 3 to Buena Vista SPS. The Project would provide a facility for sediment placement in the east area of Los Angeles County to address the diminishing capacity of existing SPSs in the area and serve the District's disposal needs during emergency sediment removal operations.

**Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects:** The Draft EIR describes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the Project. Impacts could occur in the following Environmental Areas: Air Quality; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hydrology and Water Quality; Mineral Resources; Noise and Vibration; and Transportation and Traffic. Mitigation measures have been incorporated to avoid or minimize significant impacts to less than significant levels for noise, transportation, and traffic during construction and operation. There is potential for significant and unavoidable impacts related to NO<sub>x</sub> air quality emissions due to truck trips associated with construction and operational activities.

**Public Review and Comments:** Pursuant to Section 15087 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the District, through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, is soliciting comments from the public, Responsible and Trustee agencies, other public agencies, and interested parties regarding the content of the Draft EIR prepared for the Project. The Draft EIR will be used by the District and the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors when considering discretionary approvals related to the Project. The 47-day review period begins December 14, 2017 and ends January 29, 2018 at 5 P.M. Written comments submitted by U.S. mail, email, or fax on the Draft EIR must be received by George De La O by the deadline at the address shown below. A contact name and return address or email address should be included with your comments.

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**Document Availability:** The Draft EIR can be viewed at [dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/RockQuarry3](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/RockQuarry3). Hard copies of the Draft EIR are available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below:

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Stormwater Engineering Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA  
[Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.]

Irwindale Public Library  
5050 Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA  
[Hours: Verify with library]

Duarte Library  
1301 Buena Vista Street  
Duarte, CA 91010  
[Hours: Verify with library]

Live Oak Library  
4153 East Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia, CA  
[Hours: Verify with library]

**Public Meeting:** One public meeting will be held to receive public comments on the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. The meeting will include a brief presentation providing an overview of the Project and findings of the Draft EIR. After the presentation, oral comments will be accepted. Written comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit comments in writing at the public meeting. Written comments also may be submitted any time before the end of the 47-day review period. The public meeting will be held as follows:

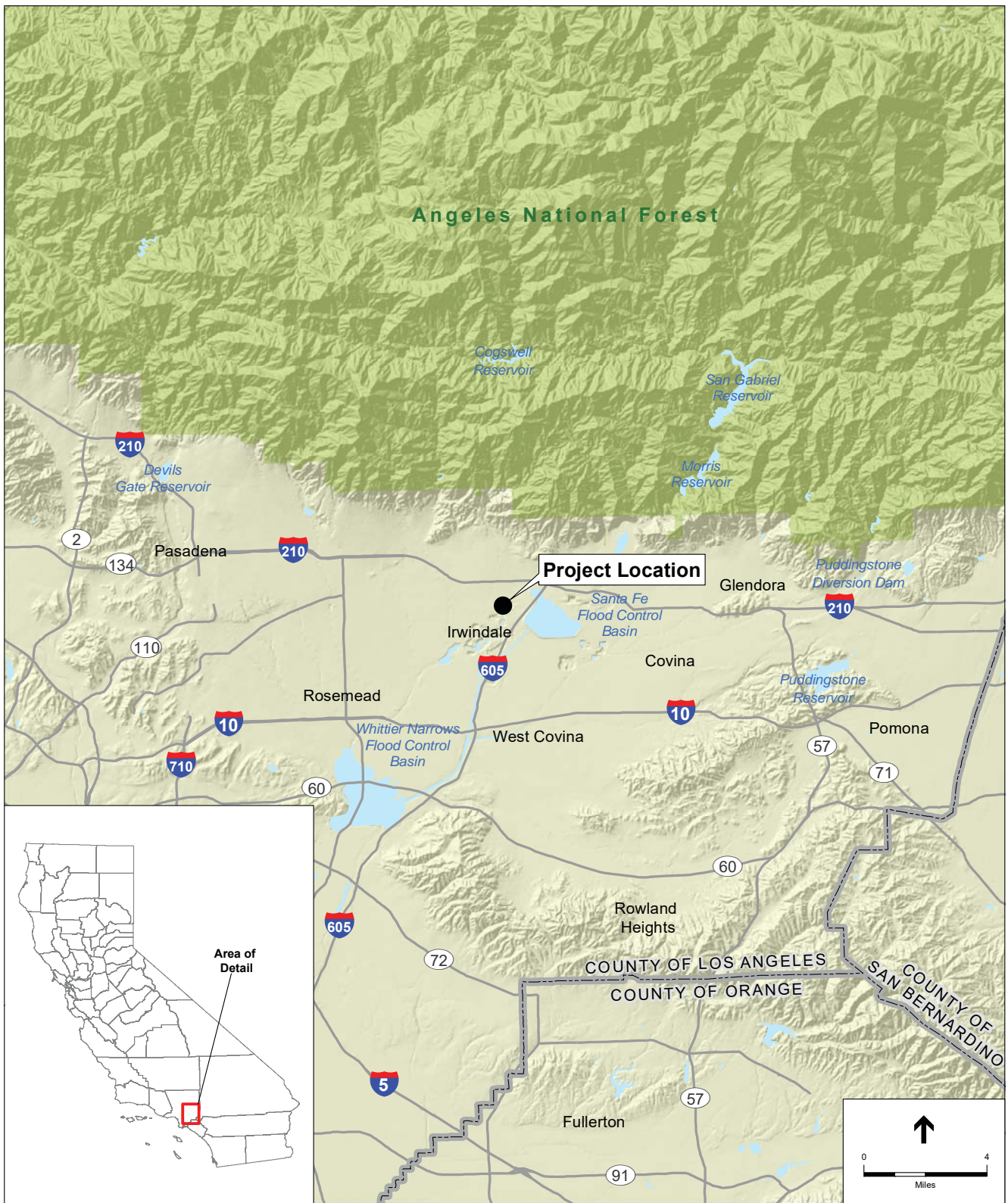
DATE: Friday, January 19, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Irwindale Community Center, 16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA



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United Rock Quarry No. 3 . 120810.42

**Figure 1**  
Regional Location