

**ERRATA NO. 2 TO FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO**

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**1. Introduction:**

The Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA), a partnership of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District, proposes a series of projects that will process surplus recycled water, currently discharged to Malibu Creek from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, through an advanced treatment facility and store it in Las Virgenes Reservoir for subsequent treatment and later use as drinking water. The project consists of treating the Tapia WRF effluent at an advanced water purification facility (AWPF), discharging the purified water to Las Virgenes Reservoir for blending with current water supply, and subsequently treating the blended water at the existing Westlake Filtration Plant before distribution. The filtered reject stream (“concentrate”) will be sent to the ocean for disposal. The Program EIR evaluated all Pure Water Project features, including the AWPF, pipelines, a source water augmentation project, and other ancillary facilities. The JPA certified the Final Program EIR on December 13, 2022.

**2. Project Modification Description:**

Since the approval of the original project (as described in Section 1 of this errata), a minor project modification has occurred that needs to be addressed within the context of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The JPA is proposing to obtain financial assistance for the approved project through the Local Resources Program (LRP) that is administered by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). The LRP provides financial incentives to public and private water agencies to encourage local development of water recycling, groundwater recovery and seawater desalination.

Metropolitan offers three different LRP incentive payment structure alternatives to choose from:

**Alternative 1:** Sliding scale incentives, recalculated annually based on eligible project costs incurred each year and Metropolitan's applicable water rates, up to \$340/AF over 25 years;

**Alternative 2:** Sliding scale incentives up to \$475/AF over 15 years; and

**Alternative 3:** Fixed incentive up to \$305/AF over 25 years.

The JPA has chosen the Alternative 1.

As the Lead Agency, the JPA has prepared this Errata to the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report in support of its discretionary action to comply with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. For this proposed project modification, Metropolitan will act as a Responsible Agency.

**3. Minor Technical Additions**

This Errata has been prepared since partnering in the original project would require a discretionary action by the Lead Agency’s decision-making body.

On June 30, 2023, the JPA submitted the proposal on the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo to Metropolitan. As the Responsible Agency, Metropolitan’s Board of Directors will review and consider the proposal and environmental documentation prepared by the JPA in determining whether or not to approve financial assistance for the project within the LRP administrative process.

The proposed project modification (i.e., a partnership with Metropolitan in the LRP for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo) would be consistent with Metropolitan's commitment to develop LRP activities that would increase water supply reliability and avoid or defer Metropolitan capital expenditures.

Therefore, this minor technical change and further clarification to the original project has no impact on water supplies or water quality within the Lead Agency's service area. Instead, the proposed project modification is an administrative and fiscal action.

**4. Basis for Preparation of Addendum:**

Section 15164(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines states, “The lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.”

The proposed modification to the original project would not result in a tangible change in the physical environment. As the Lead Agency for the proposed project modification, Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority is issuing this addendum in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15164). The minor textual additions provided herein are not considered to 1) constitute a substantial change in the project as originally proposed by the JPA, 2) lead to substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, or 3) constitute new information of substantial importance. Accordingly, an addendum was prepared as opposed to a negative declaration or a subsequent environmental impact report.



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### 1.3 Intended Uses of the Environmental Impact Report

The Program EIR will be used by decision-makers with authority over the Pure Water Project so that the environment is considered prior to taking action.

#### 1.3.1 Lead Agency

The JPA is the Lead Agency for the Pure Water Project and will be responsible for project implementation, including:

- Hiring a contractor to design and build the project
- Acquiring real estate and easements for project facilities
- Applying for permits

The JPA Board of Directors will consider the Program EIR for certification in advance of taking action to build the Pure Water Project. Consistent with CEQA requirements, the JPA will use the Program EIR to identify the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating the Pure Water Project and describe alternatives to the project and mitigation measures that avoid potentially significant impacts or reduce them to a less than significant level. In addition to these official actions, distribution and review of the Program EIR will inform the public about the Pure Water Project.

#### 1.3.2 Responsible Agencies

Several other agencies will have responsibility for carrying out approvals for the Pure Water Project or for individual activities within the project. These agencies are known as CEQA Responsible Agencies. Two agencies with important regulatory roles in permitting the Pure Water Project are:

- 1) State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and Division of Water Rights – DDW is responsible for the regulation of public drinking water systems and will review the Pure Water Project to confirm consistency with reservoir water augmentation standards for continued use of Las Virgenes Reservoir water for potable use. In addition, the Division of Water Rights considers a Wastewater Change Petition that will be submitted for a proposed change in Tapia WRF’s treated effluent point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated effluent.
- 2) Regional Board – Responsible for protecting water quality and will review the Pure Water Project for discharge of AWPf purified water into Las Virgenes Reservoir, consistent with reservoir augmentation standards.

Other CEQA Responsible Agencies are expected to include:

- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (a State of California agency) and the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority for overland access to Las Virgenes Reservoir
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for construction activities affecting streams and other natural areas
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for construction activities across state highways
- Local governments (for example, the City of Agoura Hills, City of Thousand Oaks, and Westlake Village) for construction along city streets
- Calleguas MWD for discretionary approval authority over the concentrate disposal pipeline connection to the Calleguas Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP)
- Metropolitan for discretionary approval authority over funding from the Local Resources Program