

Notice of Exemption

To County Clerk of Los Angeles
County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Hwy.,
Norwalk, CA 90650

From Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District
12545 Florence Ave
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Project Title: Vector Control Service Contract between the City of Vernon and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

Project Applicant: Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

Project Location - The entire city of Vernon bordered by the City of Los Angeles as well as the unincorporated Los Angeles County area of Boyle Heights to the north, the city of Bell and Commerce to the east, the cities of Huntington Park and Maywood to the south, and the city of Los Angeles to the west.

Project Location - City: Vernon

Project Location County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Vernon (City) has in the past maintained a small vector control staff within the City's health department. In light of growing invasive mosquito and exotic arboviral disease concerns the City is seeking outside vector control services by contracting with Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (District) which already serves all surrounding communities. The District has offered to provide the City with a temporary service agreement, while evaluating the feasibility to amend its sphere of influence to eventually include the City permanently within its service area. Through the service agreement the City will receive comprehensive integrated vector control services to help with better protecting residents' health and quality of life.

The District shall provide enhanced vector control services that will include disease surveillance, abundance monitoring and control of vectors, as well as public education. The District will survey for vector populations using a variety of methods and perform tests on samples to detect vector-borne diseases. Vectors sampled will include mosquitoes, black flies and non-biting midges and they will be tested for public health-related pathogens when applicable. Control strategies include source reduction, biological and chemical control measures. Public education and outreach helps residents adopt practices that reduce vector production and thus the likelihood of disease. An abatement process addresses egregious offenders of the law pertaining to public health.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

Exempt Status: (check one):

Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b) (1); 15268)

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b) (3); 15269(a)); D Emergency Project (Sec.21080 (b) (4); 15269(b) (c))

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15320

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Entering into a Vector Control Service Contract between the City of Vernon (City) and the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District (District) is consistent with categorical exemptions in the following cases: Class 20 (Changes in Organization of Local Agencies). The City already performs vector control measures guided by the same IVM principles as the District's future activities under the service contract, making this a strictly organizational change.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Truc Dever

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562/944-9656

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: 

Date: 6/13/17

Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Determination of Exemption

Vector Control Service Contract Agreement between the City of Vernon and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

This document is to examine the requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in regards to the vector control service agreement between the City of Vernon (City) and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (District).

The City has in the past maintained a small vector control staff within the City's health department. Said staff has routinely conducted vector control activities in accordance with statewide integrated vector management (IVM) guidelines, with applicator certification under a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and monitoring by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner. In light of growing invasive mosquito and exotic arboviral disease concerns the City is seeking outside vector control services by contracting with the District, which already serves all surrounding communities. The District has offered to provide the City with a temporary service agreement, while evaluating the feasibility to amend its sphere of influence to eventually include the City permanently within its service area. Through the service agreement the City will receive comprehensive integrated vector control services to help with better protecting residents' health and quality of life.

As in other parts of its service area, the District will provide enhanced vector control services that will include disease surveillance, abundance monitoring and control of vectors, as well as public education. The District will survey for vector populations using a variety of methods and perform tests on samples to detect vector-borne diseases. Vectors sampled will include mosquitoes, black flies and non-biting midges and they will be tested for public health-related pathogens when applicable. Control strategies include source reduction, biological and chemical control measures. Public education and outreach helps residents adopt practices that reduce vector production and thus the likelihood of disease. An abatement process addresses egregious offenders of the law pertaining to public health.

In accordance with District policies regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the District conducted a Preliminary Review of its vector management activities in Los Angeles County in September 2010 and concluded that all administrative, support, educational, and emergency activities were exempt from further CEQA review. Because some elements of the Integrated Vector Management Program are not expressly exempt from further CEQA review, the District conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the District's Integrated Vector Management Program may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of that study the District found that although the on-going project could have

a significant adverse effect on the environment, there is no significant adverse effect in this case because mitigation measures reduce impacts to insignificant levels or eliminate them a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA document and the District has filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration for its Integrated Vector Management Program in February 2011.


Because of the addition of the City of Vernon to the District service area through the service contract as well as time passed since the programmatic CEQA review, the District will perform a revision of the existing environmental document and file an updated version in the near future.

Since the City has been conducting vector control activities within city boundaries under the same certifications and IVM principles as the District will in the future under the service contract, the 'Project' is strictly an organizational change transferring vector control responsibilities from the City health department to the District; therefore, it is consistent with categorical exemptions in the following cases: Section 15320, Class 20 (Changes in Organization of Local Agencies).

DETERMINATION.

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project is consistent with Categorical Exemptions from CEQA in the following cases: Section 15320, Class 20 (Changes in Organization of Local Agencies).



Signature

6/13/17

Date

Truc Dever

General Manager

Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District