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To: Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Persons

Subject: **Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Reseda Boulevard Pipeline Project**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Reseda Boulevard Pipeline Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to replace an existing public water distribution main beneath portions of Roscoe Boulevard, Reseda Boulevard, Etiwanda Avenue, Cantara Street, and Strathern Street with approximately 6500 feet of earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe (ERDIP). The Reseda Boulevard Pipeline Project (proposed project) is part of LADWP's long-term seismic improvement program for the water system. The existing water distribution main is in need of replacement due to the age of the pipe. ERDIP is proposed to be used because the area experienced substantial ground failures during the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, and the need to maintain system reliability and continued service to the Northridge Hospital Medical Center. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2014 and take approximately one year to complete.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would be located in consecutive segments entirely within the public street rights-of-way in Reseda. The proposed project would replace public water distribution mains on Roscoe Boulevard from Reseda Boulevard to east of Reseda Boulevard; Reseda Boulevard from Roscoe Boulevard to Strathern Street; Cantara Street from Reseda Boulevard to Etiwanda Avenue; Etiwanda Avenue from Roscoe Boulevard to Strathern Street; and Strathern Street from Reseda Boulevard to Etiwanda Avenue. The proposed alignment abuts a variety of residential, commercial, and medical-related uses, including the Northridge Hospital Medical Center.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on February 13, 2014, and conclude on March 14, 2014. The MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Avenue, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Canoga Park Branch Public Library
20939 Sherman Way
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Northridge Branch Library
9051 Darby Avenue
Northridge, CA 91325

Mid-Valley Regional Branch Public Library
16244 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, CA 91343

West Valley Regional Branch Public Library
19036 Vanowen Street
Reseda, CA 91335

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **March 14, 2014**.

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Contact: David Porter
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Email: David.Porter2@ladwp.com

All comments received related to issues discussed in the MND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the MND, please contact Mr. David Porter at david.porter2@ladwp.com or (213) 367-0706.


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