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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MID VALLEY WATER FACILITY PROJECT

Date:

September 6, 2019

To:

Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject:

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the

Mid Valley Water Facility Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Mid Valley Water Facility Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mid Valley Water Facility Project proposes to construct a consolidated campus with modern facilities and consolidated operations. The proposed project would be comprised of approximately 235,967 square feet of buildings, 216,000 square feet of above-ground parking, and 180,168 square feet of additional yard/expansion space on an approximately 17.3-acre parcel. Project components include a trunk line facility for water distribution and trunk line maintenance, a meter shop for water meter maintenance, a main line facility for water main line maintenance, an Emergency Operations Center/ Trouble Board, security facilities, supply chain facilities for warehouse storage, fleet services, and Compressed Natural Gas fueling. The objectives of the project are to: 1) provide mission-critical facilities in a centralized location within the San Fernando Valley so that LADWP can respond to a significant natural disaster by restoring water systems immediately; 2) accommodate for the growth that has occurred within the San Fernando Valley by providing facilities and services in order to expedite response times; 3) consolidate and centralize Valley Water System divisions and operations in order to deploy large-scale components and equipment efficiently; 4) provide modernized, resilient facilities in compliance with the Mayor's Resilience by Design Directive; 5) incorporate water and energy conservation and renewable energy components into Project design; and 6) provide permanent offices for department groups located throughout the San Fernando Valley within compromised locations.

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PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed Mid Valley Water Facility site is located at 7600 North Tyrone Avenue in the Van Nuys area of the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to the existing LADWP Valley Center site occupied by the Power System. The project site is approximately 17.3 acres of empty property already owned by LADWP. Access to the site is available from both Tyrone Avenue on the southwest and Hazeltine Avenue on the southeast. The closest major roadway to the project site is Van Nuys Boulevard, located approximately two blocks to the west.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on September 6, 2019 and conclude on October 7, 2019. The IS/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 Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Los Angeles Public Library Panorama City Branch 14345 Roscoe Boulevard Panorama City, CA 91402

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2019**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Ms. Kathryn Laudeman
Email: Kathryn.Laudeman@ladwp.com

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

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Kathryn Laudeman of my staff at (213) 367-6376.

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