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PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DE SOTO TANKS AND PUMP STATION PROJECT

Date:

March 20, 2020

To:

Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject:

Public Meeting Cancellation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for

the De Soto Tanks and Pump Station Project

BACKGROUND

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles, as represented by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to evaluate potential environmental effects that would result from development of the proposed De Soto Tanks and Pump Station Project (Proposed Project). LADWP is identified as the lead agency for the Proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act. The Proposed Project includes the replacement of the existing 3-million gallon (MG) water storage reservoir with two buried, pre-stressed circular concrete storage tanks immediately north of the existing reservoir site. The combined storage capacity upon completion of the new storage tanks will be approximately 20 MG. Construction of the De Soto Tanks Project would also require the installation of approximately 2,500 linear feet of new inlet pipelines. Upon completion of the De Soto Tanks, the existing De Soto Reservoir will be demolished and a new De Soto Pump Station will also be constructed.

PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLATION

A public meeting had been scheduled to be held during the Draft EIR public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the Draft EIR at the following location:

DATE:

March 26, 2020

TIME:

6:30PM

LOCATION: Chatsworth Branch Library – Meeting Room

21052 Devonshire Street Chatsworth, CA 91311

Following Mayor Garcetti's directive in response to the COVID-19 virus, the Los Angeles Public Library has closed the Central Library and the 72 branch libraries Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties Page 2 March 6, 2020

through March 31, 2020. As a result, this meeting has been <u>CANCELLED</u>. Information about the project and the presentation that would have been shared at this meeting will be available for review on the LADWP website at http://www.ladwp.com/DeSotoTanks by March 26, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 45-day public comment period for this Notice of Availability commenced on March 6, 2020, and will conclude on April 20, 2020. The Draft EIR is available for review and download on the LADWP website at http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices and hard copies at the following locations:

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

Chatsworth Branch Public Library 21052 Devonshire Street Chatsworth, CA 91321

Please submit all comments in writing, or email, to the address provided below no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2020.

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