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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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**To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals and Organizations

**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Elysian Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project

**Project Title:** Elysian Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will be the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the for the Elysian Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project. LADWP is requesting the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. To the extent that your agency has authority to issue permits or take other actions related to the project, your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. LADWP is also requesting comments regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project from interested individuals and organizations.

**Project Location:**

Elysian Reservoir is located approximately 1.5 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The 14-acre Elysian Reservoir property maintained by LADWP, but it is essentially surrounded by Elysian Park. The reservoir itself lies northwest of and immediately adjacent to the Pasadena Freeway (State Route 110), between Dodger Stadium to the southwest and the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5) to the northeast. Elysian Reservoir is accessed off of Grand View Drive.

**Project Description:**

To help ensure the quality, reliability, and stability of the City of Los Angeles drinking water supply, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to replace the uncovered Elysian Reservoir with two concrete tanks, which would be sited within the existing reservoir and buried (proposed project). These tanks would provide an equal amount of potable water storage (55 million gallons [MG]) as is available in the existing reservoir. The area atop the tanks would be developed for recreation uses. A shallow wildlife pond of approximately 0.5-acre would also be created at the northern end of the project site, but not atop the tanks. After completion of project construction, the site would be open to the public as part of Elysian Park. The area above the buried tanks would be developed according to a program established by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LADRP) to meet community recreation needs. Such a facility may involve passive recreation including such facilities as trails and a picnic area or active recreation including such facilities as soccer and/or baseball/softball fields, and would support functions such as roads, parking, and restrooms.

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The total duration of the construction of the proposed project would be approximately four years. Because of the limited area available on the Elysian Reservoir property, the material excavated from the reservoir to accommodate the tanks would need to be hauled off-site and stockpiled until required to bury the tanks. It is anticipated that the proposed project would involve approximately 28,000 truck trips to the site. In addition, there would be daily worker commute trips to the site.

**Potential Environmental Effects:**

The potential environmental effects of the proposed project to be addressed in the Draft EIR will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic

**Public Comment Period:**

The 30-day public comment period for this NOP will commence on June 23, 2008 and conclude on July 22, 2008. Copies of the Initial Study will be available for review at the following locations:

- Lincoln Heights Branch Library, 2530 Workman Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031 - (323) 226-1692
- Chinatown Branch Library, 639 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 - (213) 620-0925
- Cypress Park Branch Library, 1150 Cypress Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90065 – (323) 224-0039

A copy of the document will also be posted online at <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>. Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2008.

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Contact: Sarah Easley Perez  
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If there are any questions regarding this Notice of Preparation, please contact Ms. Sarah Easley Perez at (213) 367-1276.

**Public Meetings:**

A public meeting will be held on during the public comment period to solicit input from interested parties on the proposed content of the Draft EIR. The meeting time and location will be announced via mail and the Los Angeles Times. For more information, please contact Ms. Perez at the phone number listed above.

Date: 6/17/08

Signature: Charles C. Hollen