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**To:** Interested Parties

**Subject:** Harbor Refineries Recycled Water Pipeline Project  
Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles and,  
West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Carson

Due to the water shortages facing the Southern California region and the increased concern over the availability of the City of Los Angeles' water supply, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) released "Securing L.A.'s Water Supply" dated May 2008. This document outlines the steps the City of LA will take to sustain a reliable water supply through aggressive water recycling and conservation programs to meet current and future demand.

The LADWP in conjunction with West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMD), are proposing the Harbor Refineries Recycled Water Pipeline Project (HRRWPP). The objective of this project is to construct the necessary infrastructure to produce and convey recycled water to some of the City's largest industrial and irrigation customers in the Harbor Area. The WBMD, a private wholesaler, has a facility in Carson, capable of treating water to a level appropriate for reuse on a recyclable water level. The proposed project, involves the construction of approximately 60,000 feet of 36-inch underground recycled water pipeline, or as much as 15,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water. The HRRWPP is currently being designed and it is anticipated that recycled water will be available to the various customers by the fall of 2011.

Since the proposed project also affects lands under jurisdiction of the City of Carson, a joint environmental document, pursuant to CEQA, is being prepared to be used both by Carson and LADWP in determining the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and in issuing the necessary building permits.

During the CEQA process, there will be several opportunities for the public to review project plans and provide input regarding the project's potential environmental effects. These opportunities will include a community meeting (January 2009) to discuss project plans and

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potential environmental issues, issuance of draft environmental documents for public review and comment (Spring 2009), and project public hearings (Summer 2009) held in conjunction with lead agency decisions on the project. Since you are on our contact list, you will be notified by mail regarding the schedule of these events.

LADWP recently issued a CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP) that included a description of the project and an Initial Study evaluation of the potential project issues. The NOP, Project Description, and Initial Study are available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

LA Department of Water and Power  
Attn: Chuck Holloway  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Via Fax: 213 367-4710

West Basin Municipal Water District  
Attn: Uzi Daniel  
17140 South Avalon Boulevard  
Suite 210  
Carson, CA 90746-1296

The documents may also be viewed online via the Internet at the following address:  
<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>.

Comments on the NOP and related documents will be accepted in writing till close of business on January 30, 2009 addressed to the above. There will be a Public Scoping Meeting held as well to answer any questions on the project:

Date: Wednesday-January 14, 2009  
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Location: Banning High School  
1527 Lakme Avenue  
Wilmington, CA 90744

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shilpa Gupta at (213) 367-0610.

Sincerely,



for Charles C. Holloway  
Manager of Environmental Assessment

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Enclosures