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July 17, 2009

To: Interested Parties

Subject: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT FILTRATION PLANT
(LAAFP) DISINFECTION CONTACT TANK PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to construct a new partially-buried Disinfection Contact Tank, located in the north San Fernando Valley in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

Project Location: The LAAFP is located within the Van Norman Complex (VNC) at 13101 Sepulveda Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The VNC consists of approximately 1,260 acres along the west side of Interstate Highway 5 (Golden State Freeway) and Interstate Highway 405 (San Diego Freeway). The LAAFP and the Los Angeles Reservoir (LAR) are located in the central part of the VNC property. The proposed project site is located to the south of the LAAFP and to the north of the LAR.

Project Description: The goal of the proposed project is to enable drinking water disinfection if the primary LAAFP disinfection system should temporarily fail or be taken out of service for maintenance. The LAAFP currently uses ozone as its primary form of disinfection. The proposed Disinfection Contact Tank is a passive type of system that would only be used when the ozone system is not functioning. Water would continuously flow through the Contact Tank. Once the ozone system shuts down, chlorine would be injected into the pipe upstream of the Contact Tank. The Contact Tank would provide contact time for the chlorine to disinfect the water. The Contact Tank would consist of an approximately 10-million-gallon partially-buried tank (approximately 154 feet wide, 300 feet long, 35 feet deep) made of reinforced concrete, along with connecting pipelines.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning July 23, 2009 and concluding August 24, 2009. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed at the following website address:

<http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>

File Name: LAAFP Disinfection Contact Tank Project

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Printed copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

Granada Hills Branch Public Library
10640 Petit Avenue
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 368-5687

Sylmar Branch Public Library
14561 Polk Street
Sylmar, CA 91342
(818) 367-6102

Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00pm on August 24, 2009, and sent to:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Services
Attention: Mr. Hal Messinger
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Messinger at (213) 367-4710.

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

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Hal Messinger at (213) 367-1276.

Hearing: The LADWP Board of Commissioners is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the proposed project on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 1:30 PM in the LADWP Board Room at 111 N. Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Please check the Board agenda with 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access the Board agenda on the Internet at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1350.