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Date: December 7, 2016

To: Affected Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons

Subject: **Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the North Hollywood West Well Field Water Treatment Project**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed North Hollywood West Well Field Water Treatment Project (Proposed Project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to implement a response action to address releases of 1,4-dioxane in groundwater that are migrating to the North Hollywood West (NHW) Well Field (Proposed Project, also referred to as the NHW Well Field Water Treatment Project). LADWP has removed seven wells in this well field from service due to the presence and/or threat of 1,4-dioxane contamination at the wells. Additional NHW wells are threatened by 1,4-dioxane. This response action would be achieved by installing water treatment equipment at the well field capable of removing the 1,4-dioxane to below identified cleanup levels. It would also minimize the spread of contaminant mass, limit further degradation of the groundwater basin directly downgradient of the NHW wells, remove contaminant mass from the aquifer, assist in the restoration of beneficial uses of the groundwater basin, prevent the ingestion of groundwater that exceeds cleanup levels, and restore LADWP's capability to operate its existing NHW Well Field in a flexible manner consistent with historic and planned use.

PROJECT LOCATION

The treatment equipment would be located on property owned by LADWP that includes the affected groundwater extraction wellheads. The property is located between the Hollywood Freeway (State Route [SR]-170) and Whitsett Fields, which is part of Valley Plaza Park, in the community of North Hollywood in the City of Los Angeles. Pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for this NOI will commence on December 7, 2016, and conclude on January 23, 2017. The 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 Avenue, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

North Hollywood Regional Branch Public Library
5211 Tujunga Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Valley Plaza Branch Public Library
12311 Vanowen Street
North Hollywood, CA 91605



Van Nuys Branch Public Library
6250 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Sun Valley Branch Public Library
7935 Vineland Avenue
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **January 23, 2017**.

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Contact: Nadia Parker
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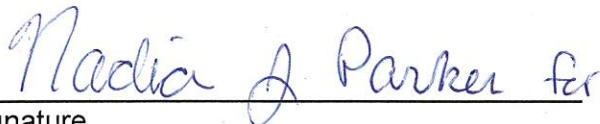
All comments received related to issues discussed in the MND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the MND, please contact Ms. Nadia Parker at (213) 367-1745.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As part of the public review process, LADWP will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project on **January 4th, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Valley Plaza Library, 12311 Vanowen Street, North Hollywood CA 91605.

The LADWP Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the MND and approval of the proposed project at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 N. Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.



Signature

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