

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE VALLEY GENERATING STATION DEMOLITION PROJECT  
(UNITS 1-4 AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES)**

**Date:** January 7, 2021

**To:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Valley Generating Station Demolition Project (Units 1-4 and Associated Structures)

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study /Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Valley Generating Station (VGS) Demolition Project. LADWP is the CEQA Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

**Project Description:** LADWP proposes to demolish the decommissioned Units 1–4 and associated structures and systems, the bearing cooling tower foundation, skim pond, and four concrete foundations of demolished cooling towers within the Valley Generating Station (VGS). Units 1–4 were decommissioned in 2002, and the four cooling towers were demolished in 2017. The associated structures and systems adjacent to Units 1–4 that would also be demolished include the external connected turbine deck, circulating water piping connections, the oil water separator, the Fifth Street pipe trench, and the weld shop. The A/B Basins would remain in service, and the reverse osmosis (RO) trailer would not be demolished but would be removed from its current location. A new prefabricated trailer would be added east of Units 5, 6, and 7 to house workers, as the location would be more centrally located to the site than the administration building. These areas within the VGS property have been identified as available land for installation of a future renewable energy project to help LADWP meet Senate Bill (SB) 350 requirements and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. However, the need, timing, and nature of any future projects at VGS is currently unknown, and if such projects are proposed in the future, they would be subject to additional environmental assessment prior to any approvals or implementation.

**Project Location:** The project site is located within the VGS property at 11801 Sheldon Street in the City of Los Angeles within the Sun Valley neighborhood. The project site is surrounded by the County's Department of Public Works Hansen Spreading Grounds Facility to the north; auto-dismantling shops and manufacturing uses to the south and east; the Bradley Landfill and Recycling Center to the south; and hospital, commercial, and residential uses to the west. Please see the enclosed map.

**Environmental Effects:** The Initial Study describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Other effects found to be less than significant are also described in the Initial Study.

**Public Review of the Initial Study:** The public review period commences on January 7, 2021 and will conclude on February 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the IS/MND is available for viewing and download at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>.

Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at the following location:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Environmental Affairs Division  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Public Comments:** During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the IS/MND may be submitted. Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021**. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attn: Mr. James R. Howe  
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All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provide to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval 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 North Hope Street, 15<sup>th</sup> 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://ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. James R. Howe at [James.Howe@ladwp.com](mailto:James.Howe@ladwp.com) or (213) 367-0414.

Sincerely,




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 Project Boundary

SOURCE: Bing Maps 2018, Los Angeles County 2011



**FIGURE 1**  
Project Location  
Valley Generating Station