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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE PROPOSED REDMONT PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to replace the existing Redmont Pump Station, located in the community of Sunland of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, with a new pump station, also located in the community of Sunland. 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 existing Redmont Pump Station is located at 10503 Redmont Avenue in the community of Sunland of the City of Los Angeles. The site includes the pump station itself, as well as the existing Redmont Reservoir, an underground, covered reservoir which pumps water to the Highway Highland and Apperson Tanks, located approximately 3.5 miles southeast and 2.0 miles east of site, respectively. The proposed replacement pump station site is located at 10709 North Tujunga Canyon Boulevard, approximately 1,500 linear feet northwest of the existing pump station site. Two underground water pipelines, approximately 1,500 linear feet in length each, would be placed in a shared Right-of-Way (ROW) along North Tujunga Canyon Boulevard to connect the proposed replacement station to the existing Redmont Reservoir's water distribution system.

Project Description. Under the proposed project, the LADWP would: (1) construct and operate a new water pump station to replace the existing Redmont Pump Station; (2) construct and operate two new underground water pipelines; and, (3) remove the existing Redmont Pump Station upon completion of the replacement pump station and its associated pipelines.

The proposed replacement pump station site is approximately 20,255 square feet in size. It is comprised of three vacant parcels that have been owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District since 1953. The "footprint" of the proposed replacement pump station would be approximately 2,500 square feet in size, with 129 linear feet of frontage along North Tujunga Canyon Boulevard and 180 linear feet of frontage along Hillrose Street. The proposed replacement pump station would be approximately 20 feet high, and its façade would be designed to blend-in with the overall character of the surrounding community. The pump station would house five water pumps, a work and control room, switchgear mechanical control cabinets, and a restroom. A diesel fuel tank for emergency operation of the water pumps would additionally be constructed adjacent to the proposed replacement pump station. Construction of the proposed replacement pump station would take an estimated 12 months to complete. A maximum construction crew of nine workers would be needed for an estimated 78 working days, and an average construction crew of six workers per working day would be needed throughout all construction phases. Operational activities associated with the proposed replacement station would typically include one site visit per week by existing LADWP personnel for routine inspection, maintenance, testing and repair.

The proposed replacement pump station would require the construction and operation of two underground pipelines to connect to the existing Redmont Reservoir's water system, including one pipeline for water supply and one pipeline for discharge. The proposed pipelines would be placed in a shared ROW which

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would traverse North Tujunga Canyon Boulevard; the ROW would be approximately 1,500 feet long, four feet wide and 60 inches (five feet) deep. The proposed pipelines would be 20 inches in diameter each, and would have a maximum operating pressure of 195 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). Final placement of the pipelines would be designed to avoid existing underground utilities and infrastructure. Construction of the proposed pipelines would take an estimated 30 working days to complete, with multiple activities occurring simultaneously. Construction activities would include pipeline trenching, stringing and placement, trench backfilling and compaction, road resurfacing/repaving, and post-construction testing, inspection and commissioning. The pipeline construction zone would typically be an estimated 400 feet in length. An estimated 40 linear feet of the parallel pipelines would be installed per day. One traffic lane along North Tujunga Canyon Boulevard would be provided for at all times. Following construction, on-site activities associated with operation of the pipelines would include periodic inspection and testing, typically once per week, by existing LADWP personnel.

Once the replacement pump station and its associated pipelines are operational, the existing pump station would be removed. The existing pump station site is approximately 2,000 square feet in size. The "footprint" of the existing pump station itself is approximately 625 square feet in size, and is approximately 20 feet high. Removal of the existing station would involve multiple activities occurring simultaneously; the primary removal activities would include removal of the station's pumps, piping, electrical and mechanical equipment, and demolition of the station's roof, walls and footings. Removal of the existing station would take an estimated 15 working days to complete. Following removal of the pump station, activities at the site would be limited to periodic inspection and maintenance of the existing Redmont Reservoir by existing LADWP personnel

Public Review Period. The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning January 15, 2008 and concluding February 13, 2008. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed at the following website address:

<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>
File Name: Redmont Replacement Pump Station Project

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

Sunland – Tujunga Branch Public Library
7771 Foothill Boulevard
Tujunga, CA 91042
(818) 352-4481

Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00pm, February 13, 2008 and sent to:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Services
Attention: Ms. Nadia Dale
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Dale 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 Ms. Nadia Dale at (213) 367-1745.