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Notice of Preparation

January 25, 2007

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report
River Supply Conduit Improvement – Upper Reach
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), acting as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the proposed River Supply Conduit Improvement – Upper Reach (proposed project). The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects of the proposed project are summarized below and are presented in more detail in the Initial Study. The Initial Study may be accessed via the internet at the following website: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>. It is also available for public review at the following Los Angeles and Burbank Public Library locations:

Valley Plaza Branch 12311 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605 (818) 765-0805	North Hollywood Regional 5211 Tujunga Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818) 766-7185	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 North Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA 91505 (818) 238-5620
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Agencies: The LADWP invites the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR, relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the LADWP when considering your permit or other discretionary approval your agency may issue for the proposed project.

Organizations and Interested Parties: Comments and concerns regarding environmental issues of concern associated with the proposed project are also requested from organizations and individuals.

Due to the time mandated by State Law, responses must be received by 5:00 p.m. **February 26, 2007**. Please indicate a contact person in your response and submit your response to the following:

Sarah Easley Perez
Environmental Program Manager
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Environmental Services
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
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If you require additional information, please contact Sarah Easley Perez at (213) 367-1276.

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Project Title: River Supply Conduit Improvement - Upper Reach

Project Location: The proposed project pipeline would be located in public street rights-of-way and in an existing utility easement (Whitnall Highway) in the North Hollywood and Hollywood communities within the City of Los Angeles and within the City of Burbank. The area through which the pipeline is proposed to be constructed is bounded by Sherman Way to the north, U.S., Highway 170/101 (Hollywood Freeway) to the west and southwest, Interstate 5 (Golden State Freeway) to the east, and Forest Lawn Drive to the south. The proposed project pipeline would be located in the LADWP East Valley District service area.

Project Description: The LADWP proposes to construct a new larger pipeline to replace the Upper Reach of the existing River Supply Conduit (RSC) pipeline in a new alignment. The existing RSC pipeline has provided over 50 years of continuous service to the City of Los Angeles, and its reliability and capacity are near its design life limits.

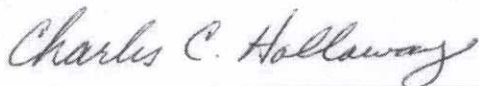
Key reasons necessitating the project include the following: (1) existing pipeline does not currently meet California Department of Health Services Drinking Water Regulations, (2) air entrainment causes restricted flow capacity, (3) an increased pipe capacity is needed to provide maximum operational flexibility (4) stringent water regulations has resulted in loss of water storage, and (5) the existing concrete pipeline is susceptible to natural disaster risk. Therefore, LADWP has identified the following objectives for the proposed project:

- Install a new larger pipeline with supporting facilities in a new alignment
- Allow for maximum operational capacity, flexibility, and reliability
- Design and construct the pipeline using the latest technology and methods available
- Meet or exceed current governmental codes and regulations
- Decommission the existing Upper Reach pipeline.

The proposed pipeline would involve the construction of approximately 31,000 linear feet (about 5.9 miles) of 78-inch diameter welded steel underground pipeline, and would also include construction of appurtenant structures (e.g., maintenance/access holes, pumping station upgrades, flow meters, valves, and/or vaults). Construction of the proposed project pipeline would occur within existing street rights-of-way, an existing utility easement (Whitnall Highway), new easements, and in recreation areas within the Cities of Los Angeles and Burbank.

Potential Environmental Effects: The LADWP has prepared an Initial Study of the proposed project and has determined that four issue areas may be potentially significant: Air Quality, Noise, Recreation, and Transportation and Traffic. The remaining environmental issues have been determined to have no impact, less-than-significant impact, or less-than-significant impacts with mitigation incorporated. The Initial Study includes mitigation measures that when implemented would reduce Aesthetic, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Land Use impacts associated with the proposed project. Agricultural Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, and Utilities and Service Systems would have no impact or a less-than-significant impact as a result of the proposed pipeline project. Therefore, the LADWP will prepare an EIR that evaluates in more detail the Air Quality, Noise, Recreation, and Transportation and Traffic impacts associated with the proposed project.

The EIR will also include analysis of a reasonable range of alternatives, including a "No Project" alternative.



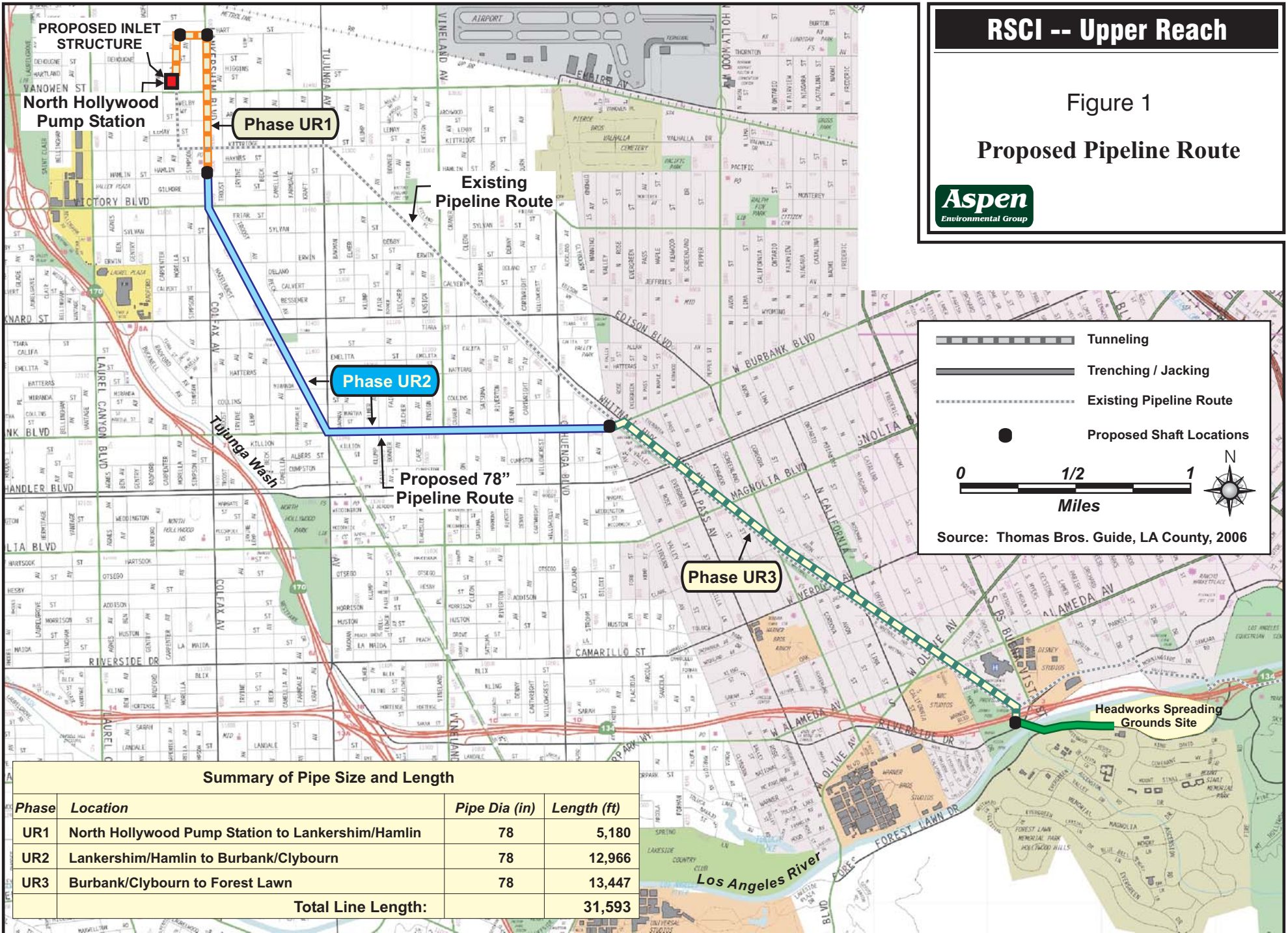
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Supervisor of Environmental Assessment

RSCI -- Upper Reach

Figure 1

Proposed Pipeline Route



Summary of Pipe Size and Length

Phase	Location	Pipe Dia (in)	Length (ft)
UR1	North Hollywood Pump Station to Lankershim/Hamlin	78	5,180
UR2	Lankershim/Hamlin to Burbank/Clybourn	78	12,966
UR3	Burbank/Clybourn to Forest Lawn	78	13,447
Total Line Length:			31,593