

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
River Supply Conduit Improvement - Upper Reach

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to construct a new larger Upper Reach pipeline to replace the existing River Supply Conduit (RSC) pipeline in a new alignment. The existing RSC, a potable water pipeline, has provided over 50 years of continuous service to the City of Los Angeles, but its reliability and capacity are near its design life limits. LADWP has identified the following objectives for the proposed project:

- Install a new water 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; and
- Meet or exceed current government codes and regulations.

The proposed project would involve the construction of approximately 31,300 linear feet (about 5.92 miles) of 78-inch diameter welded steel underground pipeline. Construction of the proposed project pipeline would occur within existing street rights-of-way, LADWP property and existing easements such as the Whitnall Highway and the Headworks Spreading Grounds, new easements, and recreation areas within the City of Burbank and the City of Los Angeles. It would also include construction of appurtenant structures such as maintenance/access holes, flow meters, valves, vaults, and air-vacuum release valves. The proposed project route crosses a portion of the North Hollywood and Crystal Springs study areas (San Fernando Basin Superfund Sites). The project may encounter contaminated soil and groundwater during construction.

The LADWP has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. The Draft EIR specifically focuses on the proposed project's potential impacts to noise and vibration, traffic, air quality, recreation, geology and hydrogeology. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project would have temporary significant unavoidable impacts on noise and vibration, traffic, air quality, and recreation during construction. If the project is approved, a Statement of Overriding Considerations would be filed by the LADWP to proceed with the proposed project. Minimal to no long-term (operational) impacts would result from the proposed project.

The Draft EIR will be available for public review at the following local libraries on March 31, 2008:

Valley Plaza Branch Library 12311 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605 (818) 765-0805	North Hollywood Regional Library 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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To view the document electronically, please check the following website:

<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>

The public review period for the Draft EIR runs from March 31, 2008 through May 15, 2008. Comments on the Draft EIR must be received in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2008 and be sent or faxed to the attention of:

Ms. Sarah Easley Perez
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, California 90012

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If there are any questions regarding the Draft EIR or to request review of documents referenced in the Draft EIR, please contact Ms. Sarah Easley Perez, Environmental Program Manager, at (213) 367-1276.

