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To: Interested Parties

Subject: **Notice of Availability/Notice of Intent to Adopt  
An Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration  
For Sepulveda Basin Water Recycling Project: Woodley/Burbank**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to construct the Sepulveda Basin Water Recycling Project: Woodley/Burbank (proposed project), a reclaimed/recycled water pipeline in the Encino and Van Nuys communities of the City of Los Angeles. As Lead Agency, LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would consist of the construction of approximately 13,200 linear feet (about 2.5 miles) of 16-inch-diameter ductile iron pipeline. Construction of the proposed project would occur along existing street rights-of-way or open space/recreation areas using the open-trench method, except at locations where jacking is proposed to avoid the Los Angeles River and/or other waterways. The proposed project would also include construction of appurtenant structures in public rights-of-way, such as flow meters, maintenance/access holes, valves, and/or vaults, as necessary for the operation and maintenance of the pipeline. The proposed project would provide for improved reliability of the City's potable (drinking) water supply by substituting reclaimed/recycled water generated by the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (TWRP) for drinking water currently used for irrigation.

**Project Location:** The proposed project alignment is in two segments:.

- Woodley Segment: Woodley Avenue from the southwest corner of the TWRP southeast to the intersection of Woodley Avenue and Burbank Boulevard; and
- Burbank Segment: Balboa Golf Course (from the existing recycled water tie-in located approximately one-half mile east of the intersection of Balboa and Burbank Boulevard) west to Burbank Boulevard, via existing golf course service roads, then southeasterly/easterly along Burbank Boulevard, to the Woodley Segment at the intersection of Woodley Avenue and Burbank Boulevard.

**Public Review Period:** The IS/MND is being made available for public review from November 20, 2003 to December 19, 2003. The document may be viewed at the following website address: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>. Copies are also available for review at the Van Nuys Branch Library (6250 Sylmar Avenue), Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Valley Region Headquarters (6335 Woodley Avenue), and Council District 6 Van Nuys Field Office (6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Room 131). Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00 p.m., December 19, 2003, and sent to: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Environmental Affairs, Attn: Charles Holloway, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may also be faxed to (213) 367-3582.

All comments received in relation to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Charles Holloway at (213) 367-0285.

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