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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED GROUNDWATER TREATMENT ACTION FOR TUJUNGA WELL FIELD

Date: July 12, 2018
To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Groundwater Treatment Action for Tujunga Well Field

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Tujunga Well Field Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to implement a response action to address a regional plume of certain hazardous substances in groundwater that has migrated and continues to migrate to the Tujunga Well Field. LADWP has curtailed the use of several groundwater production wells in the Tujunga Well Field due to the presence and/or threat of 1,4-dioxane and volatile organic compounds, collectively termed herein as contaminants of concern (COCs), contamination at the wells. Under current conditions, the beneficial uses of groundwater in the vicinity of the Tujunga Well Field will continue to be impaired, and other LADWP wells may be affected in the future by the continued spread of these contaminants.

The proposed response action would be achieved by installing water treatment equipment capable of removing the COCs to below identified cleanup levels at the Tujunga Spreading Grounds property. The response action would protect human health and the environment by reducing the potential for exposure to COCs at unhealthy concentrations in groundwater, limit the migration of COCs from groundwater in the vicinity of the Tujunga Well Field, remove COCs from the groundwater in the vicinity of the Tujunga Well Field, assist in the restoration of beneficial uses of the groundwater basin, and restore LADWP's capability to operate its existing Tujunga Well Field in a flexible manner consistent with historic and planned use.

PROJECT LOCATION

The treatment equipment would be located on property owned by LADWP that includes the affected groundwater extraction wellheads. The property is located entirely within the Tujunga Spreading Grounds, which are located at the junction of the Hollywood Freeway (State Route-170) and the Golden State Freeway (Interstate-5), in the Sun Valley community of Los Angeles. Pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for this Notice of Intent (NOI) will commence on July 12, 2018, and conclude on August 13, 2018. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices and at the following locations:

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LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Avenue, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Valley Plaza Branch Public Library
12311 Vanowen Street
North Hollywood, CA 91605

North Hollywood Regional Branch Public Library
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Panorama City, CA 91402

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7935 Vineland Avenue
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **August 13, 2018**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
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Attention: Jane Hauptman
Email: Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com


All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Jane Hauptman at (213) 367-0968.

PUBLIC MEETING

As part of the public review process, LADWP will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project on July 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Branford Recreation Center (Child Care Room), 13306 Branford Street, Arleta, CA 91331.

The LADWP Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the IS/MND and approval of the proposed project 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 held in the LADWP Board Room at 111 N. Hope Street, 15th 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://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.


Signature

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