

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE 99TH STREET FILTRATION PLANT PROJECT**

Date: October 27, 2017
To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 99th Street Wells Filtration Plant Project

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 99th Street Wells Filtration Plant Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to construct an iron and manganese (Fe/Mn) treatment facility adjacent to the existing 99th Street Wells Pumping Station in the Watts community of the City of Los Angeles. The proposed project is part of LADWP's program to ensure LADWP meets the USEPA National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations for Fe/Mn and maintain LADWP's reliability to serve groundwater. The proposed project would remove naturally occurring iron and manganese from the groundwater wells.

Due to power line clearance requirements, the proposed project would require the relocation of existing 34.5 kilovolt (kV) overhead power lines to be buried underground. The underground installation of the buried 34.5 kV power lines would begin northeast of the existing 99th Street Wells Pumping Station Complex at the LADWP transmission station on Clovis Avenue between Century Boulevard and 98th Street, head north along Clovis Avenue and 98th Street, then travel west along 98th Street, and then north along Wadsworth Avenue for a total length of approximately 1,180 feet.

Construction of the proposed project would include two phases. The first phase would include the undergrounding of the power lines and is estimated to occur during summer when the elementary school is out of session between May 2018 and September 2018. The second phase would include the Fe/Mn treatment system installation and is anticipated to take approximately 300 working days or 15 months, estimated to begin in December 2018 and end in February 2020.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would be located at 9880 Wadsworth Avenue, adjacent to the existing 99th Street Wells Pumping Station Complex within the LADWP Power System Transmission Line Right-of-Way, in the City of Los Angeles. The proposed project area would generally be

bound by Wadsworth Avenue to the west, Century Boulevard to the south, Clovis Avenue to the east, and 98th Street to the north. The proposed project is located within the community of Watts. The proposed project abuts public facilities (elementary school) and residential (single family homes) uses.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 40-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on October 30, 2017, and conclude on December 8, 2017. The MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following locations:

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

Los Angeles Public Library - Alma Reaves
Woods - Watts Branch
10205 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002

County of Los Angeles Public Library - Graham
Library
1900 East Firestone Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90001

99th Street Elementary School
9900 Wadsworth Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **December 8, 2017**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Contact: Ms. Jane Hauptman
Fax: (213) 367-4710
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.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held during the IS/MND public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the IS/MND. The meeting will be held at:

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Los Angeles Public Library- Watts Branch
Alma Reaves Woods
10205 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002

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

Sincerely,



Signature

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Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

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