

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Toluca-Hollywood Line 1 Project

Date: December 15, 2022

To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

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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 Toluca-Hollywood Line 1 Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Description

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to upgrade an approximately 1.8-mile portion of the existing Toluca-Hollywood 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line 1 (TOL-HWD L1) cable, which runs underground within a pipe from the Nichols Canyon Terminal Tower to the Hollywood Receiving Station. All work would be located within the road right-of-way (ROW), the confines of LADWP property, or within an easement. The proposed TOL-HWD L1 Upgrade Project (proposed project) would include the following upgrades:

- Trenching and installing a new underground cable adjacent to the existing underground TOL-HWD L1 alignment from Hollywood Boulevard southeast to the Hollywood Receiving Station.
- Trenching and removing the existing underground TOL-HWD L1 pipe and cable and installing a new underground pipe and cable inside the same trench alignment within Nichols Canyon Road, north of Hollywood Boulevard to the Nichols Canyon Terminal Tower.
- Raising an existing transmission tower along the existing TOL-HWD L1 and lowering a portion of an existing Burbank Water and Power (BWP) distribution line that crosses under the TOL-HWD L1.
- Making modifications to the Nichols Canyon Terminal Tower and the Hollywood Receiving Station to accommodate the system upgrade.

The proposed project would maintain the reliability of energy supply within the power system while providing the capacity to accommodate imported renewable energy coming from outside of the Los Angeles Basin. Further, the proposed project is essential to support LADWP's planned reduced reliance on its in-basin combustion-turbine electrical generation facilities while substantially increasing the use of renewable resources in an effort to achieve the long-term City goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2035.

Project Location

The proposed project is made up of three components: the underground alignment, Tower 584, and BWP line. They are located south of, within, and north of the Hollywood Hills, respectively. The proposed project is situated near Interstate 5, United States (U.S.) Highway 101, California State Route (SR) 134 (SR-134), and SR-170 within Los Angeles County, California. The southern portion of the proposed project (referred to as the “underground alignment”) is the approximately 1.8-mile segment of the TOL-HWD L1, which is located between the Hollywood Receiving Station and Nichols Canyon Terminal Tower just south of the Hollywood Hills and west of U.S. Highway 101.

The central portion of the proposed project (referred to as “Tower 584”) is located at Tower 584, adjacent to Mulholland Drive within the Hollywood Hills. The northern portion of the proposed project (referred to as the “BWP line”) is in the City of Burbank, west of Hollywood Way at a crossing of the BWP line located north of SR-134. Collectively, the three components are referred to as the ‘project area’, which is the footprint of all proposed project activities.

Public Comment Period

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on December 15, 2022 and conclude on January 19, 2023. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. **Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2023.**

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Please Note: LADWP’s practice is to make the entirety of comments received part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Marshall Styers at (213) 367-3541.

Sincerely,

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