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Project Name	Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR)
Meeting Subject	Scoping Meeting Comments
Meeting Location	Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino
Meeting Date	September 25, 2013

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Commenter	Comment Received
Dr. Tom Williams Sierra Club	 Project being segmented between indirect and direct impacts. Where will the water go after it is put into the groundwater basin? Where will the water be taken out? If this is additional water, where does the unused water go? What is the indirect inducted growth? Where will the brine discharge go and what will be the impact of the salt on the County's wastewater disposal facilities? Suggest having more Spanish language materials at the other scoping meetings. Please provide the scoping report prior to the release of the Draft EIR. What are the project alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft EIR? Please provide a draft of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as part of the Draft EIR instead of making the public wait until the Final EIR. Provide groundwater modeling as part of the Draft EIR. Why can't LADWP inject the water into the groundwater basin near the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and the proposed project site near the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area instead of pumping the water up to the Pacoima and Hansen Spreading Grounds and injecting near the spreading grounds? How much will the project cost? Who will pay for the project – existing or future ratepayers? How will these increase water rates? Will other LADWP facilities be decommissioned or neglected because funds will be allocated to this project?



Gerald Silver Encino Homeowners Association	 The project and the Draft EIR need to include a clearer description of purified recycled water. The public needs to understand that this is highly purified effluent or sewage water. The toilet to tap concept needs to be made clear. Ratepayers should have the opportunity to vote on the project and be the group to decide if the City's wants this project. How much does recycled water cost? An economic analysis of the cost of the project should be included in the Draft EIR. Recycled water is a driving force behind growth and development in Los Angeles. Constraints on infrastructure are the only way to control unchecked growth. This project will allow further growth. What is the cost per acre foot for advanced treated water? How does that compare per acre foot to Colorado River water or Aqueduct water? If highly treated water is so good, why can't LADWP pump it directly into the drinking water system? How were announcements made for this meeting? Will specific outreach be conducted to every ratepayer to ask if it is acceptable to use purified recycled water as part of the local supply? I suggest using the mailer within the water bill to get the word out about the project.
Barbara Shellow	 The City desperately needs reclaimed water and the Japanese Gardens volunteers strongly in favor of the use of reclaimed water. The Japanese Gardens volunteers have worked with LADWP and looked at five potential sites for the proposed facility so we are surprised that LADWP is only going to consider two of the five sites in the EIR. LADWP has already violated CEQA and gone back on a promise made to us over the summer. The proposed project site is the worst site location within the Tillman property and will have the greatest impact on the Japanese Gardens. Putting an industrial facility next to children playing the Recreation Area is not a good idea. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers owns the Donald C. Tillman property and may not let any project occur on its property. The Contractor Laydown Area would be the perfect location within the Tillman property. It is undeveloped, but previously disturbed, meets the elevation criteria, and would not require a relocation of existing facilities. I invite everyone to see the Japanese Gardens and then they will understand why the volunteers prefer the site at the Valley Generating Station. This is a hugely expensive project and will require a lot of approvals from different agencies before it can be built.



Paul Berg	 Table 7.3 in the water recycling packet shows that the Contractor Laydown site has 14 firsts, but the preferred site only have 4 firsts. The proposed buildings will impinge upon the Japanese Gardens. Site #2 will cost \$338 million, which I believe underestimates the cost, but the cost drops to \$316 million at the Contractor Laydown site. Why isn't there a higher emphasis on the Contractor Laydown site?
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Project Name	Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR)
Meeting Subject	Scoping Meeting Comments
Meeting Location	Canterbury Elementary/Magnet School, Arleta
Meeting Date	October 3, 2013

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Commenter	Comment Received
Mark Lopez Arleta Neighborhood Council	 Thank the City for reducing dependence on imported water and for using recycled water. Live at Gruen and Canterbury so will be directly affected by the project. Project will be located directly adjacent to residences for the 18-month construction period. Concerned about soil degradation, liquefaction, eruption, increased seismic activity or faulting, flooding and subsidence. What would the injection wells and pipeline look like? Need to include plan and section views. How will this project affect the East Valley Transit Corridor? Construction of this project will occur right as the East Valley Transit Corridor construction is ending. What will happen to the tenants of the transmission line corridor? Should look at other sites and use other existing City facilities that are not so close to residences. Request that LADWP attend the Arleta Neighborhood Council meetings on a quarterly basis to provide project updates. Project materials should be provided in English and Spanish. Request that LADWP work with the community on mitigation measures to benefit the community. Arleta is sick of being the City's utility corridor and deserves better.

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Bob Peppermuller Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council	 If we do not go through with this project, the environmental impact in the long-term will be much greater than the construction impacts. Predict that water will become more valuable than oil as jurisdictions fight over supply. Need to clean up the aquifer and build up a buffer supply for dry years. LADWP should work with the local community to minimize impacts. Want to see the implementation schedule pushed up.
Jack Lindblad East San Fernando Valley CBE	 There is a well on my property to track the plume so to see this project to fruition after decades is gratifying. It is important to produce accurate reports. On page 3 of the summary, the MGD and AFY numbers appear to be transposed. Units need to be kept straight and easy for the public to understand. Have to do cleanup [of the groundwater basin] before can drill any injection wells. Use of injection wells during the rainy season could lead to a higher groundwater table level and localized flooding, especially in extreme weather events from climate change. Uranium in the water is five times background now so need filtration of carcinogens and radioactive hot particles for extracted water.
Eric Aguilar LADWP employee	 Groundwater rights have established limits so would this lead to an expansion of LADWP's withdrawal rights? Would this project uplift LADWP's environmental responsibility and will there be any negative effects on the community? Would there be a re-establishment of LADWP's production wells? Which source would dominate the recycled water stream – imported water or stormwater? Which type of water model will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? What is the estimated net benefit of replenishment? Will this project affect cultural resources? Will this project affect the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers alternatives in the new study for the Los Angeles River?



Ken Murray	 Project is necessary to secure water supplies for the City. Want to see the project go faster and be bigger. Only two alternatives were presented tonight, but EIRs typically show a range of alternatives. Will the EIR include more alternatives?
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Meeting Date	October 12, 2013

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Commenter	Comment Received
Joyce Dillard	 Concerned about the placement of project documents. They need to be put in the Central Library and all regional libraries. This project is creating supplies for future growth. The Brown's Canyon project and its water demand need to be considered. CRA [Community Redevelopment Agency] is selling air rights to allow more density, but the City does not have the capacity for future growth. Have not looked at Flood Control District [Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works] and the potential for flooding to occur. This project needs to be considered an alternative use. Are we going to get our [water] supplies from the [Sacramento Bay] Delta? Worried about fracking and the potential for seismicity. People do not understand what you are doing about discharge. Where would this water service? Universal has to find wells outside of the City. Where is the contamination? What does that have to do with the oil wells? Water quality issues need to be addressed. Spend a lot of time looking at how this water would be used. Planning Department needs to be in the room. What are the costs and who will pay?
Joey Guzman	 All ratepayers of LADWP need to be individually informed through their billing that sewage water would be used to inject into the ground. This affects the water supply of the City, not just the Valley, and we have no other alternatives. The AWPF [Advanced Water Purification Facility] would be located at the southern end of the property so if there is a breach [of the levee], this plant would be inundated. The contractor laydown area is at the elevation of the berm. All five sites would be carried forward according to the handout, but you are only showing two sites. LADWP needs to consider

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	 all sites. DCT SW [proposed project location] only received four #1 ratings, but other locations received 14 #1 ratings. Since all five sites are not included, the CEQA process is invalid. All work should cease until a new CEQA process is put out.
Candace Burrow	 Page 2-4 of the Initial Study lists the environmental factors potentially affected. Two of the factors that are not checked were covered in the presentation. Aesthetics was not checked and was not covered in the presentation. The project does affect aesthetics. People will see this when they go into the [Japanese] Garden so aesthetics needs to be reviewed.
Jack Humphreyville, Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council	 Nothing was mentioned about finances. How much will it cost and how will it affect water rates? Nothing was mentioned about the purple pipe project through Elysian Park and Downtown Los Angeles. Provide more information on the three eliminated sites.
Catherine Schick, Japanese Garden	 Agree with the previous commenters on points related to aesthetics. I do not understand what happened to the three sites under consideration. Seems that all the area will be LADWP or park. There has been no consideration of migratory birds. Building that will be removed are cement bunkers and there is no mention of emissions. There is currently a problem with traffic on Woodley and construction would make this worse. The area is like a park, but will have chemicals and industrial facilities in a park. This project is like a done deal, but the Army Corps has yet to approve it. LADWP is not taking into account objections to aesthetics. There is not one blade of grass so the garden will be choked by buildings. Going to make the area an LADWP compound. The public at large has not been informed. LADWP needs to put a notice in the bill.
Tony Wilkinson, Neighborhood Council and LADWP MOU Oversight Committee	 Do not know why LADWP has long maintained that clean-up of the contamination is not part of the project. Clearly going to change the flows in some ways and there is potential to push around existing contamination. Large number of existing wells in the area of the injection wells that are already being treated with active charcoal. This may increase the clean-up costs. Some clear relationship between groundwater recharge and clean-up. Relationship to the Los Angeles River needs to be included. There are lots of plans for revitalization that will depend on water

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	that comes from DCT [Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant]. The EIR flow should be existing flow. The EIR needs to show this water for beneficial use for drinking water not for parkland.
Barbara Shellow, Volunteer at Japanese Garden	 You are trying to reach the public but there were only 9 people at the Encino meeting and only the same number at the Canterbury Elementary School meeting and today 14 or so, for a total of only 31 people putting in public comment. The City knows nothing of this project and there has been no outreach. Property under consideration is the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and they are currently playing hardball. They are only allowing the barest minimum to occur. Still need approval on state and federal levels. Need to rethink this project. I love the Japanese Garden and this project will impede on the garden. There are better places on this campus that would have less of an impact.
Ken Murray	 Congratulate the agencies involved in this forward thinking project. Need an alternative to what happens if do not recycle water and continue to depend on water from other sources. What are the effects to the ratepayers and access to water in the future? The safety of the water to be produced needs to be addressed. Cost issues need to include long-term cost (20, 40, 60 years) to ratepayers and the impact to ratepayers going forward to pay for imported water.
Sergio Ibarra, Arleta Neighborhood Council	 Concerned about outreach for this project. Issue of aesthetics to improve existing properties. Issue of treating polluted water in vicinity of injection wells. Injection wells located in a residential community, why not at the Pacoima Spreading Grounds or Tujunga Wellfield instead of in a residential community? In full support of the purple pipe, but why does the purple pipe have to be installed on Canterbury Avenue? LADWP should put recreational facilities at Pacoima and Hansen Spreading Grounds. Explore the issue of traffic, including the Interstate 5 and Interstate 710 construction projects. Add vegetation or parkland around the injection wells. Are the chemicals that are being pumped out going airborne?
Dennis Schneider, Recycled Water Advisory Group Committee	 Critical that we do have a water supply if something interrupts it. Seen almost a complete removal of smell around Hyperion [Water Treatment Plant]. This is a backup system not to prepare for overdevelopment, which the City is not charging developers for.