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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Date: February 13, 2012

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to enhance the existing Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) to increase stormwater recharge into the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project (proposed Project).

Project Location: The LADWP TSG facility is located at 34° 13' 39" N and -118° 24' 54" W, adjacent to the Sheldon-Arleta Landfill in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. The TSG is located approximately 17 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in the northeastern portion of the San Fernando Valley at the intersection of Roscoe Boulevard and Sheldon Street.

Project Description: The proposed enhancement project for TSG will alter the current intake facility to capture low flows; create a treatment area for the low flows; install two new intake facilities to capture high flows from the Tujunga Wash and Pacoima Wash Diversion Channels; install devices to prevent widespread distribution of trash within the TSG; reactivate, deepen and/or combine basins to increase the facility's storage and recharge capacity; install new inter-basin flow controls; and install telemetry on all diversion facilities. The objective of the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project (project) is to increase stormwater recharge into the San Fernando Groundwater Basin through enhancement and operation of the TSG facility.

In addition to the consideration of a No Project alternative, the EIR will evaluate options for the disposal of excess soil anticipated to be generated by the Project. Specific disposal locations, haul routes and access points for disposal will be identified and analyzed in further detail in the EIR.

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Potential Environmental Effects: Potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed Project include Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Transportation and Traffic impacts (including traffic hazards). An analysis of these potential environmental impacts and other potential impacts that could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level is provided in an Initial Study Checklist, which is attached or can be reviewed at the following libraries:

Panorama City Branch Library
14345 Roscoe Blvd.
Panorama City, CA 91402-
4222

Valley Plaza Library
12311 Vanowen Street
Los Angeles, CA 91605-5695

Pacoima Branch Library
13605 Van Nuys Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 91331-3697

The Initial Study may also be viewed at LADWP offices during normal business hours and at the following website address:
www.ladwp.com/envnotices

Public Review Period: LADWP invites the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR, relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. Your agency will need to use the EIR when considering your permit or other discretionary approval your agency may issue for the proposed Project.

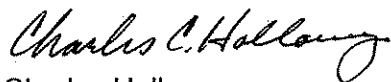
Due to the time limits mandated by State Law, your response must be received by 5:00 p.m. **March 15, 2012**. Please indicate a contact person in your response and submit your response to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Hal Messinger

Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Hal Messinger at: (213) 367-4710

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Hal Messinger at (213) 367-1276.

Sincerely,



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