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NOTICE OF INTENT

DATE: September 28, 2012

TO: Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Elysian Park-Downtown Water Recycling Projects

LEAD AGENCY: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Elysian Park-Downtown Water Recycling Project (WRP). 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 maximize the use of recycled water to replace potable sources for irrigation and industrial uses by extending the recycled water pipeline network to Elysian Park and downtown Los Angeles. This project is being undertaken in accordance with the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and the Recycled Water Master Plan. The proposed project would be implemented in two phases.

The first phase of the project involves the delivery of recycled water to Elysian Park (Elysian Park WRP). A new 16-inch recycled water pipeline would be constructed from the existing recycled water pipeline serving Taylor Yard, totaling approximately 8,400 linear feet. The proposed Elysian Park recycled water pipeline would connect to a proposed new approximately 2 million gallon (MG) recycled water storage tank located on the hilltop near Elysian Fields within Elysian Park via a proposed new recycled water pumping station located on the west side of Interstate 5 (I-5, Golden State Freeway) just inside Elysian Park. The proposed route for the recycled water pipeline would roughly follow Stadium Way. In addition, to provide for the potable water uses within Elysian Park (e.g., restrooms and drinking fountains), approximately 7,300 linear feet of 12-inch potable water pipeline would be constructed from Park Drive to a proposed new 5,000 gallon potable water storage tank located on a hilltop near Elysian Fields via a proposed new potable water pumping station located near the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

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The second phase of the project involves constructing approximately 10 miles of new 16-inch recycled water pipeline from the proposed terminus at Mesnagers Street, near the Cornfields Park, to customers located in Chinatown, downtown Los Angeles, Exposition Park, and Boyle Heights (Downtown WRP). The mainline would roughly follow Broadway south to Exposition Boulevard. To reach Boyle Heights, the pipeline would roughly follow 16th Street to Washington Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard.

PROJECT LOCATION

Phase I of the proposed project would primarily take place within Elysian Park. However, some construction would occur in the Elysian Valley neighborhood along Dorris Place, adjacent to Dorris Place Elementary School, and on Park Drive, within the Echo Park neighborhood. Installation of the Elysian Park WRP would require tunneling beneath I-5. Phase I would abut residential, public facilities, and open space uses.

Phase II would occur in public streets in the urbanized and fully developed communities of Chinatown, downtown Los Angeles, Exposition Park, and Boyle Heights. Construction would abut commercial, residential, light industrial, public facilities, and open spaces uses.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on September 28, 2012, and conclude on October 31, 2012. 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

Edendale Branch Public Library
2011 West Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Los Angeles Central Library
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Echo Park Branch Public Library
1410 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Chinatown Branch Public Library
639 North Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Lincoln Heights Branch Public Library
2530 Workman Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Cypress Park Branch Public Library
1150 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Silverlake Branch Public Library
2411 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90039


Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **October 31, 2012**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
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Contact: Irene Paul
Fax: (213) 367-4710
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All comments received related to issues discussed in the 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 MND, please contact Ms. Irene Paul at (213) 367-3509.

Date: September 28, 2012

Signature: 
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