

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to construct a new Lower Reach River Supply Conduit (RSC) pipeline to replace the Lower Reach of the existing RSC pipeline in a new alignment. The existing RSC, a potable water pipeline, has provided over 50 years of continuous service to the City of Los Angeles, but its reliability and capacity are near its design life limits. Other factors contributing to the need for improvements to LADWP's water distribution system include: (1) increased consumer consumption, (2) California Department of Health Services Drinking Water Regulations, (3) reduced open reservoir storage due to more stringent state and federal water quality regulations, and (4) susceptibility to earthquake and other natural disasters. The proposed project would involve the construction of approximately 37,400 linear feet (about 7.1 miles including two branch lines) of 48-, 60-, 66-, 72-, 84-, and 96-inch diameter welded steel underground pipeline. Construction of the proposed project pipeline would occur within existing street rights-of-way, LADWP property and existing easements, or open space/recreation areas in the Silver Lake and Los Feliz communities (including Griffith Park) in the City of Los Angeles. It would also include construction of a regulator station inside an underground vault and appurtenant structures such as maintenance/access holes, flow meters, valves, and/or vaults.

The LADWP has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. The DEIR specifically focuses on the proposed project's potential impacts to traffic and transportation, air quality and noise. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project would have a temporary significant unavoidable impact on traffic and transportation and air quality during construction. If the project is approved, a Statement of Overriding Considerations would be filed by the LADWP to proceed with the proposed project.

The DEIR prepared by the LADWP may be reviewed at the following local libraries:

North Hollywood Regional Library 5211 Tujunga Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91601	Atwater Village Library 3379 Glendale Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90039	Los Feliz Branch Library 1874 Hillhurst Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90027
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To view the document electronically, please check the following website:
<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>

The public review period for the DEIR runs from May 6, 2005 through June 20, 2005. Comments on the DEIR should be mailed or faxed in writing no later than June 20, 2005 to the attention of:

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If there are any questions regarding this DEIR, please contact Ms. Sarah Easley, Environmental Program Manager, at (213) 367-1276.


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