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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability/Notice of Intent to Adopt  
An Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the  
Western District Yard Renovation Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to renovate the facilities at the LADWP Western District Yard, located at 5898 W. Venice Boulevard at the intersection of Fairfax Avenue and Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The primary function of the Western District Yard is to support Water Distribution services in LADWP's Western District service area. The proposed project is being undertaken to improve the reliability of these services by providing for the replacement of aging and deteriorated buildings in a new layout that would consolidate existing buildings and work functions, support the current functions of the yard, and improve the safety of the facility by positioning the Administrative Building to provide views to the entire yard. As Lead Agency, the LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would consist of the demolition of existing aging and deteriorating structures, the construction of replacement structures, and the construction of a new perimeter wall at the Western District Yard. Occurring over three phases, approximately 33,400 square feet of existing structures (office/warehouse, fleet and weld shop) would be demolished and replaced with approximately 62,000 square feet of proposed structures (office, tool room/warehouse, and fleet/weld shop). In addition, the existing block wall along Venice Boulevard would be demolished and a new block wall fence would be constructed 20-feet north of the existing fence line. The operations at the yard would continue with the same purpose and at the same intensity as the current level of operations.

**Project Location:** The proposed project would be located within the existing boundary of the Western District Yard located at 5898 W. Venice Boulevard at the intersection of Fairfax Avenue and Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.

**Public Review Period:** The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning June 17, 2004 and concluding July 19, 2004. The document may be viewed at the following website address: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>. Copies are also available for review at the Baldwin Hills Public Library (2906 S. La Brea Ave.), and the Council District 10 Pico District Field Office (5651 Pico Blvd.). **Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00 pm, July 19, 2004** and sent to: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Environmental Services, Attn: Tania Bonfiglio, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may also be faxed to (213) 367-3582.

All comments received in relation to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration that would be forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Tania Bonfiglio at (213) 367-3027.

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