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April 20, 2012

To: Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Persons

Subject: **Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Los Angeles Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project**

An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) have been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Van Norman Complex Water Quality Improvement Project. 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 make improvements to Bull Creek Extension Channel (BCEC), a concrete-lined storm water conveyance and flood control facility located within the Van Norman Complex (VNC) in the Sylmar area of Los Angeles. This project is being undertaken to comply with updated drinking water quality regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and updated requirements related to maintaining the integrity of several VNC water impoundment dams that fall under the jurisdiction of the State of California Division of Safety and Dams (DSOD).

PROJECT LOCATION

The VNC property is located at 13101 Sepulveda Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles, along the west side of Interstate Highway 5 (Golden State Freeway, I-5) and Interstate Highway 405 (San Diego Freeway, I-405). It consists of 1,340 acres of LADWP-owned property that has been largely cleared and is currently occupied by facilities devoted primarily to the production, storage, and/or transmission of drinking water and electricity or to regional flood control functions.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on April 20, 2012, and conclude on May 21, 2012. The Initial Study and MND are available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Services Division
111 North Hope Avenue, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Sylmar Branch Public Library
14561 Polk Street
Sylmar, CA 91342

Granada Hills Branch Public Library
10640 Petit Avenue
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Telephone: (213) 367-4211 Cable address: DEWAPOLA

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **May 21, 2012**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Contact: Nancy Chung
Fax: (213) 367-4710
Email: Nancy.Chung@ladwp.com

All comments received related to issues discussed in the Initial Study and 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 Initial Study and MND, please contact Ms. Nancy Chung at (213) 367-0404.



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