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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date:

August 10, 2012

To:

Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject:

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the

Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project (SCH #2012021028)

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for consideration of the Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Enhancement Project. LADWP is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Location**: The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (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 the 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 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 interbasin flow controls; and install telemetry on new 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.

**Environmental Effects**: The Draft EIR focuses on the environmental effects of the project related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and traffic. Air pollutant emissions during project construction are predicted to be significant after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures. Other effects found to be beneficial, less than significant, or less than significant after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures are described in the Initial Study for the project (Appendix A of the Draft EIR) and in the text of the Draft EIR.

Hazardous Waste Disclosure - Per Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

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**Public Review of the Draft EIR:** The public review period commences on Thursday, August 16, 2012 and concludes on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the Draft EIR will be posted at <a href="https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices">www.ladwp.com/envnotices</a>. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at LADWP or the following locations:

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

**Public Meeting:** LADWP will hold a public meeting to inform the public about the proposed project and the findings of the Draft EIR and provide opportunity for agencies, organizations and interested individuals to provide comments on the adequacy of the document. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the LADWP Truesdale Training Center, 11781 Truesdale Street, Room 205/211, Sun Valley, California 91352. Individuals who require special accommodation are requested to contact LADWP (see contact information below) at least 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by Monday, October 1, 2012. Please submit your comments 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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