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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project

Project Title: Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will be the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the for the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project. LADWP is requesting the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. To the extent that your agency has authority to issue permits or take other actions related to the project, your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. LADWP is also requesting comments regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project from interested individuals and organizations.

Project Location:

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir is located approximately 0.5 mile south of Mulholland Drive, between Roscomare Road and Beverly Glen Boulevard. The Stone Canyon Reservoir complex property is owned and maintained by LADWP. Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir is accessed from Mulholland Drive via a non-publicly accessible road, approximately 1.5 miles east of the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 405).

Project Description:

The Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project ensures the quality, reliability, and stability of the City of Los Angeles drinking water supply and proposes to replace the uncovered Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir a buried concrete storage structure sited essentially within the existing reservoir and buried. These concrete storage structure would provide approximately 81 million gallons of potable water storage. The area atop the concrete storage structure would be planted, and a pedestrian trail system, picnic area, restroom facilities and a parking lot may be established within the Stone Canyon Reservoir complex to provide for passive recreation activity. After completion of project construction, the trails within the site would be open to the public use, and the recreation functions would be maintained and operated by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LADRP).

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The total duration of the construction of the proposed project would be approximately 5.5 years. Based on an assumption that the material required to bury the tanks would come from an on-site borrow area, it is anticipated that the proposed project would involve approximately 15,000 truck trips to the site. In addition, there would be daily worker commute trips to the site.

Potential Environmental Effects:

The potential environmental effects of the proposed project to be addressed in the Draft EIR will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic

Public Comment Period:

The 30-day public comment period for this NOP will commence on June 23, 2008 and conclude on July 22, 2008. Copies of the Initial Study will be available for review at the following locations:

- Sherman Oaks Branch Library, 14245 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 – (818) 205-9716
- Westwood Branch Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024 – (310) 474-1739

A copy of the document will also be posted online at <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>. Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2008.

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Contact: Sarah Easley Perez
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If there are any questions regarding this Notice of Preparation, please contact Ms. Sarah Easley Perez at (213) 367-1276.

Public Meetings:

A public meeting will be held on during the public comment period to solicit input from interested parties on the proposed content of the Draft EIR. The meeting time and location will be announced via mail and the Los Angeles Times. For more information, please contact Ms. Perez at the phone number listed above.

Date: 6/17/08

Signature: Charles C. Haller