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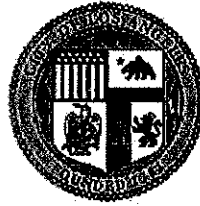
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Parties

From: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project (SCH# 2018061048)

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is proposing to demolish the existing Celes King III Pool building and install a playground and landscaping on the site. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties regarding the content of the environmental analysis and information included in the Draft EIR.

Project Location: The project site is located in the southeast quadrant of the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex at 5001 Obama Boulevard in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community of the City of Los Angeles. The project site is bounded by a paved surface parking lot to the west, a tennis shop to the north, tennis courts to the east, and Obama Boulevard to the south. Generally, the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex is bounded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Expo Line light rail transit system to the north (along Exposition Boulevard), Dorsey High School to the east, residential land uses to the south across Obama Boulevard, and commercial uses to the west. Regional access to the project area is provided via Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 405 (I-405). The project site is served by Obama Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the south, La Brea Avenue to the west, Exposition Boulevard to the north, and Farmdale Avenue to the east. Figure 1 attached shows the project site.

Project Background: The existing Celes King III Pool no longer meets the standards for competition pools. Additionally, due to its age, the existing pool building was constructed with materials that are deemed hazardous, including asbestos and lead based paint. Thus, the overall purpose of the proposed project is to provide safe and upgraded infrastructure to meet the community's recreational needs.

Project Description: The proposed project would conduct required hazardous materials abatement, drain water from the existing Celes King III Pool, and demolish the Celes King III Pool building. Following demolition, construction activities would include infill of the pool pit, rough grading of the site, utility installations, landscaping and hardscaping, and installation of playground and shade structures. The

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proposed playground would be centrally located in the southern portion of the project site, where the existing Celes King III Pool building is currently located. The surface of the playground would consist of soil rubber material. Proposed playground equipment would include a jungle gym and swings, or similar play structures. Benches would be provided within and around the playground area. The lawn area would be located to the north of the playground area and would include landscaped elements. Trees, hedges, and planters would be located throughout the project site. The design of the community front lawn and playground would incorporate lighting and other security measures. Demolition and construction activities would last approximately 12 months from December 2020 to December 2021. Following construction, the community front lawn and playground area would be passive recreation uses.

Summary of Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR identifies less than significant impacts for air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; and transportation and traffic. Impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials; construction noise; and tribal cultural resources would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures. Implementation of the proposed Project would result in significant impacts to a historical resource. With implementation of mitigation measures, the impact to a historical resource (Celes King III Pool building) would be reduced but would remain significant and unavoidable.

Public Review Period: The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day period, commencing on March 28, 2019, and concluding on May 13, 2019. Public comments on the Draft EIR will be received during this period. The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Baldwin Hills Branch Library, 2906 S La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90016
- Jefferson/Wright Memorial Branch Library, 2211 W Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Council District 10 Office, 1819 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the Draft EIR may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Shokoufe Marashi of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5759 and can also be accessed online at:
<http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

Comments will be accepted from March 28, 2019 to May 13, 2019. Please submit comments in writing to the address below **no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2019.**

Ms. Shokoufe Marashi, Environmental Supervisor I
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Shokoufe.Marashi@lacity.org (please include “**Celes King III Pool Project Comments**” in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.

Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held during the Draft EIR public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the Draft EIR. This meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rancho Cienega Sports Complex
Ira C. Massey Child Care Center
5001 Obama Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Puede obtener información en Español acerca de esta junta llamando al (213) 485-5753.



Source: Esri 2018.



 Celes King III Pool


 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex

Figure 1

Project Location Map

