

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD CHLORINATION STATIONS PROJECT

Date: October 27, 2022

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Hollywood Chlorination Stations Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed North Hollywood Chlorination Stations (NHCS) Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Description: LADWP proposes to expand the treatment capacity of its existing Rinaldi-Toluca (RT) and North Hollywood West (NHW) Chlorination Stations and to replace LADWP's existing North Hollywood Chlorination Station with the new North Hollywood Central (NHC) Chlorination Station within the same property. LADWP would also assume responsibility for the operation of a groundwater remediation facility related to the North Hollywood Operable Unit Second Interim Remedy (NHOU2IR), which is currently being constructed within the same property as the RT Chlorination Station by Honeywell International Inc. under orders from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to its authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. The treated water from the NHOU2IR facility would be directed to the expanded RT Chlorination Station, where it would be disinfected. The proposed project would provide the capability to safely and effectively disinfect water pumped from the RT Well Field, the NHW Well Field, and the western portion of the NHOU, all of which would be operated in a manner consistent with LADWP's historical use of its well fields to help meet current and projected demand for drinking water in the City of Los Angeles (the City). The Project would not involve any increase in LADWP's groundwater pumping rights. This disinfection capability would help ensure the reliability and sustainability of the City's drinking water system by reducing dependence on imported water supplies, consistent with goals established in the 2020 LADWP Urban Water Management Plan. The construction of the chlorination stations, including a testing and commissioning period at each station, is preliminarily scheduled to begin in the latter part of 2023 and be complete in the first quarter of 2026. The initial phase of the NHOU2IR facility is anticipated to begin operation in 2023, and full operation of the facility is anticipated to begin in 2024.

Project Location: The proposed project consists of four components in three locations in the North Hollywood community of Los Angeles. The NHW Chlorination Station is located at 12403 Vanowen Street in the City of Los Angeles. The NHW Chlorination Station is bounded to the north and west by the Valley Sports Complex, to the east by the California State Route (SR) 170 at 12403 Vanowen Street, and to the south by Vanowen Street. The RT and NHOU2IR facilities are collocated at the Lankershim Yard at 11845 Vose Street in the City. The Lankershim Yard is bounded by light industrial uses to the west, north, and east; and to the south bounded by Vose Street. The NHC Chlorination Station would be located on the North Hollywood Pump Station property (NHPS) at 6859 Morella Avenue in the City. The NHPS property occupies the entire block encompassed by Vanowen Street on the south, Hinds Avenue on the west, Dehougne Street on the north, and Morella Avenue on the east. Uses immediately adjacent to the NHPS property consist primarily of multifamily and single-family residential uses.

Public Comments: The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on October 27, 2022 and conclude on December 2, 2022. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>.

Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2022**.

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PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Marshall Styers at (213) 367-3541.

Sincerely,



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