



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
BOWTIE PARCEL DEMONSTRATION WETLAND PROJECT**

Date: April 25, 2023

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has prepared and intends to adopt an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Bowtie Parcel Demonstration Wetland Project (the Project), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDPR is the lead agency for the proposed Project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within an approximately 3-acre portion of a larger site located on public land administered by CDPR at the northernmost end of the former Southern Pacific Railroad Yard known as Taylor Yard in the City of Los Angeles. The 17.3-acre CDPR property upon which the Project is located is referred to as the “Bowtie Parcel”, in reference to the parcel’s shape, or by its former Southern Pacific Railroad parcel designation as “G-1.” The project site is adjacent to the Los Angeles River (the LA River) and within the community of Glassell Park and the City of Los Angeles. The Project is within Reach 6, an approximately 2.34 mile section of the LA River that falls within the 11-mile Alternatives with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization (ARBOR) reach of the LA River.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Project proposes to enhance habitat, improve water quality, and increase public access to open space and the LA River. Dry weather and some wet weather flows will be diverted from the storm drain, treated through a filtration system, and pumped into a wetland where there would be additional water quality improvements. A portion of the water would be used for irrigation, and the remaining enhanced water would be returned to the LA River. The Project would also include landscaping and amenities to convert the former brownfield site into habitat native to Southern California and a park space for public use.

In accordance with CEQA 15072(g)(5), the project site is designated as a hazardous waste property enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, please refer to the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) completed under the authority of the Department of Toxic Substances Control for further information.

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/final_documents2?global_id=60001919&doc_id=60488009

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft IS/MND is being made available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning **April 25th, 2023**, and ending on **June 8th, 2023**. Your views, comments and questions regarding this IS/MND are welcomed including concerns with environmental impacts of the Project’s implementation and operation. All comments received during the public review period shall be considered. Comments should be directed to:

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A copy of the Draft IS/MND may be viewed within the review period at the following website (https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=983), and Rio de Los Angeles State Park (1900 N San Fernando Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90065).