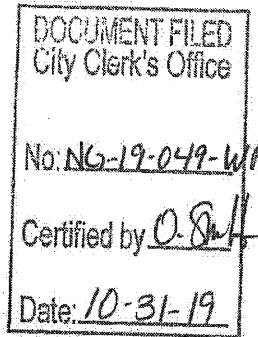




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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE VAN NORMAN COMPLEX ROUTINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
PROGRAM**

Date: November 7, 2019

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Van Norman Complex Routine Operation and Maintenance Program

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Van Norman Complex Routine Operation and Maintenance Program. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for the preparation of this document.

Project Description

LADWP proposes to implement the Van Norman Complex Routine Operation and Maintenance Program (proposed project) to ensure the safety and proper function of existing facilities throughout the Van Norman Complex (VNC). The proposed project involves routine vegetation management and maintenance activities at several existing facilities (work areas) throughout the VNC. Due to the unique characteristics between work areas, the specific activities performed at each work area would vary on a site-by-site basis. The work areas also vary in that some of them are earthen, while others are concrete. However, the activities can generally be characterized as removal of overgrown vegetation, mowing of herbaceous vegetation, and removal of accumulated sediment and debris. These maintenance activities would occur annually, or on an as needed basis, and would be undertaken by LADWP maintenance staff. In performing these proposed maintenance activities, maintenance staff would use equipment ranging from hand tools, mowers, loaders, bobcat dozers, and backhoes.

Project Location:

The VNC is located within the neighborhood of Granada Hills, approximately 20 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The approximately 1,340-acre industrial complex sits at the foothills of the Santa Susana Mountains in the northern portion of the San Fernando Valley. The project area is located approximately 0.5-miles northwest of the Interstate (I-) 5 and I-405 interchange. It is generally bounded by I-5 to the northeast and east; Balboa Avenue to the northwest; Woodley Avenue to the west; and Rinaldi Street, I-405, and commercial and residential development to the south.

Pursuant to Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the VNC includes sites that are listed as hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Two proposed work areas have been determined to be affected by these hazardous materials sites. LADWP is currently in consultation with the applicable regulatory agencies and will perform remedial investigations to refine understanding of conditions at these work areas. Additionally, approval of the project is contingent on the development and implementation of a Hazardous Site Safety Plan for the affected work areas.

Environmental Effects:

The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project related to biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and tribal cultural resources.

Public Comment Period:

Due to the upcoming holidays, this IS/MND will have a 45-day public review period commencing on November 7, 2019 and concluding on December 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the IS/MND is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

San Fernando Library
217 North Maclay Avenue
San Fernando, CA 91340

Sylmar Branch Library
14561 Polk Street
Sylmar, CA 91342

Granada Hills Library
10640 Petit Avenue
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Written comments concerning the adequacy of the IS/MND must be submitted by December 23, 2019. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Mr. Christopher Lopez
Email: Christopher.Lopez@ladwp.com

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date.

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Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room, at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the Commission Office at (213) 367-1356.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Christopher Lopez at (213) 367-3509 or via email at Christopher.Lopez@ladwp.com.

Sincerely,



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c: Mr. Christopher Lopez