

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE HAYNES GENERATING STATION INTAKE CHANNEL INFILL PROJECT**

DATE: December 12, 2019

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Haynes Generating Station Intake Channel Infill Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study for the Haynes Generating Station (HnGS) Intake Channel Infill Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, LADWP intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). LADWP is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to implement the Haynes Generating Station Intake Channel Infill Project (proposed project) to fill in approximately 2,150 feet of the Intake Channel with engineered fill and leaving a flat, paved surface. LADWP will need to have energy storage capabilities at HnGS by the end of 2029 when the natural gas once-through cooling (OTC) units can no longer be operated. The area occupied by the Intake Channel will no longer be needed for OTC, and its area is essential to accommodate future renewable energy projects. The proposed project would occur over two phases: Phase I would consist of filling the northern 475 feet of the Intake Channel, and Phase II would consist of filling the Intake Channel to approximately 2 feet south of the 2nd Street/Westminster Boulevard bridge. The duration of Phase I construction activities would be approximately 15 months, with proposed construction scheduled to begin in late 2021 and end in 2023. The duration of Phase II construction activities would be approximately 20 months, beginning no later than 2030 and ending in late 2031. Construction would typically take place 5 days per week, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. All required staging, storage, and laydown areas related to the project would be located within the existing HnGS boundaries.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located within the HnGS property at 6801 East 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach. The HnGS is located inland from the Pacific Ocean, and is bound by SR-22 (Garden Grove Freeway) to the north, East 2nd Street to the south, the San Gabriel River channel to the west, and an Orange County flood control channel to the

east. The Intake Channel bisects the HnGS property, with energy generating Units 1 through 6 to the west and fuel storage tanks to the east.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Initial Study describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project related to biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce all potential impacts to less than significant levels. Other effects found to be less than significant are also described in the Initial Study.

Per Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The public review period commences on December 12, 2019 and concludes on January 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the Initial Study is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs
111 N Hope Street, Rm 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 367-0968

Leisure World Library
2300 Northgate Road
Seal Beach, CA 90740
(562) 598-2431

Bay Shore Library
195 Bay Shore Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803
(562) 570-1039

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Initial Study may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by January 24, 2020. 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: Ms. Jane Hauptman
Email: Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Hauptman at Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com or (213) 367-0968.

Sincerely,



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