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

DATE:

December 9, 2020

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 (Haynes) Intake Channel Infill Project (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.

The revised Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project is being recirculated in its entirety because substantial revisions have been made to a previously released Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, which although circulated for agency and public review in December 2019, was not subsequently presented to or adopted by the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to implement the proposed project to fill in approximately 2,150 feet of the Haynes Intake Channel with engineered fill, creating approximately 8 acres of vacant land. The project is being undertaken to provide additional developable land for future, but currently undefined, energy storage and/or renewable energy generation facilities critical to LADWP's program to reduce the amount of electrical power generated by the combustion of fossil fuels and increasing the sustainability of electrical power production through expanded use of renewable energy. The proposed project would occur over two phases: Phase I would consist of filling the northernmost 475 feet of the Haynes Intake Channel, and Phase II would consist of filling the rest of the channel to approximately 2 feet south of the 2nd Street 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 30 months, beginning in 2030 and ending in 2032. Construction would typically take place 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, generally beginning no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and ending by 5:00 p.m. All required

staging, storage, and laydown areas related to the project would be located within the existing Haynes boundaries.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located within the Haynes property at 6801 East 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach. Haynes is located inland from the Pacific Ocean, and is bounded by State Route 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 Haynes Intake Channel bisects the southwestern portion of the Haynes property, with energy generating Units 1 through 6 to the west and aboveground 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, 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 9, 2020, and concludes on January 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. A copy of the Initial Study is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices.

During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Initial Study may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by January 25, 2021. Please submit your comments to the following address:

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111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Ms. Jane Hauptman
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If you require additional information or assistance, please contact Ms. Hauptman at Jane. Hauptman@ladwp.com or (213) 367-0968.

Sincerely,

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