

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE FIGUEROA PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND PARK PROJECT**

Date: July 29, 2021

To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Figueroa Property Remediation and Park 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 Figueroa Property Remediation and Park Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LARAP) for an approximately 0.5-acre vacant LADWP-owned property (Figueroa Property). The Figueroa Property was the former location of an LADWP pump station and has a history of detected soil contamination as well as previous remediation efforts to remove the contamination. To prepare the Figueroa Property for park development, LADWP would complete the cleanup of the remaining contaminated soil to achieve the standards for California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Human Health Risk Assessment Note 3 residential screening levels. For contaminants where a DTSC screening level has not been established, the cleanup would achieve United States Environmental Protection Agency regional screening levels for residential soil. Site preparation would also include completely backfilling with clean imported soil to restore the surface of the property to the elevation of the surrounding area. Once the contaminated soils have been removed, the Figueroa Property will be developed into a neighborhood park by an independent non-profit community organization under agreement with LARAP. The park is anticipated to include pathways, seating elements, shade structures, exercise stations, and children's play equipment.

PROJECT LOCATION

The approximately 20,000 square-foot Figueroa Property is located in Los Angeles at 5800 South Figueroa Street, on the southeast corner of Figueroa Street and West 58th Street. It is immediately bounded on the south by a BNSF railroad right-of-way, which in turn is bounded along the south by Slauson Avenue, a five-lane thoroughfare.

On the west, the property is bounded by Figueroa Street. On the north, the property is bounded by West 58th Street. To the east, the property abuts a single-family residential property, with no intervening roadway. The vicinity around the property is a densely developed urban area consisting primarily of single-family residences and commercial uses, with some multi-family housing. The Harbor Freeway (I-110), a north-south interstate highway, is located approximately 250 feet east of the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on July 29, 2021 and conclude on August 30, 2021. 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 provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2021**.

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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. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <http://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 the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

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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.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Aiden Leong of my staff at (213) 367-0706.

Sincerely,

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Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

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c: Mr. Aiden Leong