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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT State Clearinghouse No. 2004071091

Date: November 30, 2005

To: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

This Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to inform the public and decision makers (Los Angeles City Council) of the environmental effects of the Integrated Resources Plan. The IRP is an integrated wastewater facilities plan that describes the existing wastewater, recycled water, and runoff systems in the City, identifies system inadequacies based on the needs projected for the year 2020, and provides recommended alternatives to address the future needs of the systems. The IRP would improve and upgrade the City's wastewater and recycled water systems, and runoff management programs through the year 2020.

The City is requesting input and comments from responsible agencies, trustees, and other interested parties on the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR for the IRP contains four integrated alternatives (wastewater treatment, wastewater conveyance, urban runoff management, and potential water-recycling components) that are described below:

Project Title:	Integrated Resources Plan
Project Location:	The proposed project would be located throughout the City of Los Angeles and in outlying areas. Major IRP facilities could be located in Playa del Rey, the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin, northeast Los Angeles, and in the Cities of Glendale, Burbank, and El Segundo.
Project Description:	Four build alternatives have been developed for the IRP. Each IRP alternative would be comprised of a suite of wastewater treatment, wastewater conveyance, urban runoff management, and potential water-recycling components. IRP Alternative 1: Hyperion Treatment Plant expansion with a moderate potential for water resources projects (up to 42,000 acre-feet per year). IRP Alternative 2: Tillman and LAG water reclamation plant expansions and process upgrades with a high potential for water resources projects (up to 53,200 acre-feet per year). IRP Alternative 3: Tillman expansion/process upgrades with moderate potential for water resources projects (up to 43,400 acre-feet per year). IRP Alternative 4: Tillman expansion/process upgrades with a high potential for water resources projects (up to 56,100 acre-feet-per year).



The draft EIR shows that the proposed project would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts to:

- Air quality – Construction of the Alternatives could exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) threshold of significance for all criteria pollutants; and operation would exceed the threshold of significance for NOx and VOCs. There could also be significant odor impacts.
- Cultural Resources – For NEIS II and GBIS, excavations within 0.25 mile of the LA River have a high potential to affect archeological resources and/or human remains. NEIS II and GBIS tunneling could also significantly affect paleontological resources.
- Recreation – Construction of Tillman wet weather storage would result in the temporary closure of the cricket field. Air Treatment Facilities for NEIS II could result in permanent losses of recreational areas. Construction associated with NEIS II and GBIS would significantly affect some recreational facilities.
- Geology – There is a potential for breakage of NEIS II due to surface rupture along the Hollywood-Raymond fault. NEIS II, GBIS, and VSLIS could cause ground settlement.
- Parking – Construction of a shaft site at the Los Angeles Zoo parking lot could displace up to 225 LA Zoo parking spaces.
- Water Quality – there is a remote possibility that NEIS II, GBIS, and possibly VSLIS could suffer a break resulting from an earthquake.

Other impacts identified as significant but would be reduced to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures include impacts to: aesthetic, biological resources, coastal resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, population and housing, public services, noise and vibration, utilities, transportation and traffic.

IRP / EIR Public Hearing will be held on the following locations and dates:

San Fernando Valley Area Van Nuys City Hall 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91401 Wednesday, January 4, 2006 @7:00 p.m.	Central Los Angeles Area DWP – John Ferraro Building 111 N. Hope St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 Wednesday, January 11, 2006 @10:00 a.m.
West Los Angeles Area Council District 11 7166 W. Manchester Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045 Saturday, January 7, 2006 @11:00 a.m.	Los Angeles Zoo Wetherbee Auditorium 5333 Zoo Drive Los Angeles, CA 90027 Thursday, January 12, 2006 @6:00 p.m.

The draft EIR is available for public review and comment for a period of 90 days beginning on Thursday, December 1, 2005 and ending on Monday, February 27, 2006. Copies of the draft EIR can be viewed at the following locations or online at <http://www.lacity-irp.org/DraftEIR.pdf>

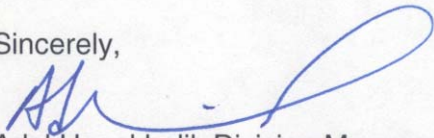
Bureau of Sanitation 2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065 Contact: Jawahar P. Shah Tel: (323) 342-6253	Bureau of Engineering 650 S. Spring Street, Room 574 Los Angeles, CA 90014 Contact: Dr. Ara Kasparian Tel: (213) 847-8815	Central Library, Science Tech. & Patents 630 W. Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90071 Tel: (213) 228-7200
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The public review period of the draft EIR provides an opportunity for interested persons, agencies, or organizations to comment on the adequacy of the EIR in identifying and analyzing potential significant environmental impacts and how they may be avoided or mitigated. All comments received will become part of the official public record. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the draft EIR may do so at the following address:

Jawahar P. Shah
City of Los Angeles
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation
Wastewater Engineering Services Division
2714 Media Center Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Written comments may also be submitted electronically via e-mail by accessing the City of Los Angeles IRP website <http://www.lacity-irp.org/Draft-EIR-Comments.htm>. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact Jawahar P. Shah at (323) 342-6253 or Debbie Pham at (323) 342-6256.

Sincerely,

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