March 18, 2010

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Persons

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Wilmington Drain Multi-use and Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project (SCH#2009081093)

The City of Los Angeles (City), Bureau of Engineering (BOE), is proposing to rehabilitate the Wilmington Drain and Machado Lake located adjacent to and within the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park (Harbor Regional Park - located at 25820 Vermont Avenue) in the communities of Wilmington and Harbor City. The Wilmington Drain Multi-use and Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project (proposed project) is composed of three components. Two of the components are primary components referred to individually as the Wilmington Drain Multi-use Project (Wilmington Drain Component) and the Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project (Machado Lake Component). The proposed project also includes a secondary component, a Supplemental Water Supply Pipeline Component, which would deliver treated water to augment Machado Lake during the dry season. Because the stormwater and urban runoff that is conveyed through the Wilmington Drain flows into the Machado Lake, and the supplemental water pipeline would be constructed to deliver water to Machado Lake, these components are being evaluated as one project (refer to Figure 1). As Lead Agency, the BOE has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustees, and other interested parties on the Draft EIR. Potential impacts associated with the proposed project and addressed in the Draft EIR include: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, land use, noise, public services, transportation and traffic, and utilities (water consumption and solid waste).

Project Description: The Wilmington Drain is a 150-foot wide and approximately one-half mile long Los Angeles County Flood Control District soft-bottom stormwater drainage channel managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The portion within the project area, located within the County of Los Angeles, extends south from I-110 to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) where it then empties into the Harbor Regional Park riparian woodland. The Wilmington Drain component is bounded on the north by I-110, on the east by I-110 and residential development, on the west by commercial and residential development, and on the south by PCH.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.
Machado Lake is located within Harbor Regional Park in the City of Los Angeles. Harbor Regional Park is a 231-acre park that is owned, operated and maintained by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Bordering Harbor Regional Park to the north is PCH with residential and commercial development (immediately north of PCH), Harbor Park Municipal Golf Course and commercial development borders the northeast perimeter of the park, the Los Angeles Harbor College and a residential development borders the southeast perimeter along with portions of the park’s freshwater marsh, to the west is Vermont Avenue and the Kaiser Permanente Harbor City facility, and to the south is open space along with Anaheim Street and Conoco-Phillips Oil Refinery. A residential development is under construction adjacent to the park at the 5-way intersection of Anaheim Street, Vermont Avenue, Gaffey Street, and Palos Verdes Drive North.

The Machado Lake ecosystem, which includes Wilmington Drain, has been negatively impacted by trash, proliferation of invasive plant species, eutrophication, and sediment and nutrient accumulation, which has resulted in degraded water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and hydraulic capacity. To address these problems, the City is proposing to implement a variety of measures designed to improve water quality; help meet adopted and future Total Maximum Daily Loads criteria; enhance riparian, wetland, and upland habitats; improve hydrologic and hydraulic conditions; and restore existing recreational amenities as well as develop new ones.

In addition to the improvements above, the proposed project includes the construction and operation of a new 16-inch (or smaller) supplemental water pipeline to deliver microfiltration/reverse osmosis treated water from the Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant to Machado Lake for lake replenishment during the dry season. The pipeline would be constructed primarily within public right-of-way along existing roadways. The pipeline alignment would begin in the vicinity of the Figueroa Street/Harry Bridges Boulevard intersection, northward along Figueroa Street to Anaheim Street, westward along Anaheim Street to the Harbor Regional Park entrance, and northward through the park to the Project 77 storm drain.

**Public Review Period:** The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day period from March 18, 2010, and closes on May 3, 2010. The document may be viewed at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group, 1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor, Contact: Maria Martin at (213) 485-5753, fax: (213) 847-0656

2. BOE website: http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm

3. Harbor City/Gateway Library, 24000 S. Western Avenue

4. Wilmington Library, 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington

5. Harbor District Office, Councilmember Janice Hahn, CD #15, 638 S. Beacon St., Suite 552, San Pedro
During the public review period, a public workshop and hearing will be held at the following date, time, and location:

**Wednesday, March 31, 2010**
Workshop begins at 5:30 pm and hearing begins at 6:00 pm  
Kaiser Permanente Hospital Conference Room and Education Center  
Located on Normandie Avenue between PCH and Permanente Way  
Conference Rooms A1 and A2  
Harbor City, CA 90710

The main Kaiser Permanente Hospital Medical Center is located at 25825 S. Vermont Avenue, Harbor City. The Kaiser Hospital Conference Room and Education Center is part of the overall hospital complex.

Parking is available in the parking structure (Lot 2), which is adjacent to the Conference Center. Meeting attendees should park on the second floor, leaving the first floor available for patients. Disabled parking is located just behind the Conference Center in Lot 3.

Si usted necesitará un traductor para esta reunión, comuníquese con Olga Morales al (213) 485-5933 antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 26 de marzo.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to:

Ms. Maria Martin  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Engineering  
Environmental Management Group  
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor, Mail Stop 939  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Maria.Martin@lacity.org (please include “Wilmington/Machado Draft EIR Comments” in the subject line)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Martin at (213) 485-5753. We would appreciate the name, telephone number, and e-mail address for the person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment.

Si usted necesita más información en español acerca de este Aviso de Disponibilidad, favor de llamar a Olga Morales al (213) 485-5933.
Figure 1
Project Component Boundaries

Legend
Project Component Boundary
- Wilmington Drain Component
- Machado Lake Component
- Supplemental Water Supply Pipeline Component

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