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**Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) (SCH# 2015111038)**

The City of Los Angeles (the City) is proposing to construct an auxiliary pumping plant and associated facilities at 3813 and 3817 South Esplanade and 128 Hurricane Street (see attached Figure 1, Project Location Map) in support of the existing Venice Pumping Plant (VPP) in the community of Venice Beach. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The City is requesting input on the Draft EIR from public agencies, residents, and other interested project stakeholders. The contents of this Notice of Availability have been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

**Environmental Impacts:** The analysis contained in the Draft EIR determined that the Proposed Project would result in significant unavoidable impacts related to noise and vibration during construction activities, even with the application of mitigation measures. The Proposed Project would also result in significant unavoidable impacts to water quality during operations related to the potential to contribute to inundation from tsunami and sea level rise.

**Project Description:** The City of Los Angeles is proposing to construct an auxiliary pumping plant and associated facilities in support of the existing VPP. The Proposed Project would provide additional reliability and critical redundancies necessary to support the City of Los Angeles' wastewater conveyance and processing system. The facility, which includes a 2,500 square foot two-story building approximately 32 feet in height, would serve as the operational control center for the plant, related electrical equipment, and employee workstations. Aboveground facilities would include electrical equipment, utility connections, instrumentation and controls, transformers, and generators. Underground facilities would include three submersible pumps and piping. A 17 by 17-foot submerged diversion structure would be constructed below the Grand Canal to connect to a new 66-inch sewer serving the VAPP. At 128 Hurricane Street, parking, landscaping, and open space would be provided.

**Public Review Period: The Draft EIR public review and comment period begins October 27, 2016 and ends on December 15, 2016.** The Draft EIR is available online at the Bureau of Engineering website: [http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice\\_aux\\_pumping\\_plant.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice_aux_pumping_plant.htm)

Hard copies may also be viewed at the following libraries:

- Abbot Kinney Library, 501 South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291
- Lloyd Taber- Marina del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
- Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90094



**Public Meeting:** A public meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Venice Foursquare Church, 1400 Riviera Avenue, Venice, CA 90291.

**Comments:** Please send comments on the Draft EIR to:

Dr. Jan Green Rebstock  
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Public Works, Bureau of Engineering  
Environmental Management Group  
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Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [jan.green.rebstock@lacity.org](mailto:jan.green.rebstock@lacity.org). Remember to:

- Send your comments in letter format as an attachment to the email;
- Include a mailing address in the comment letter; and
- Include "VAPP Draft EIR Comments" in the subject line.

Following the close of the comment period, the City will consider and prepare responses to the comments received and compile a Final EIR. The Final EIR will be posted online at the Bureau of Engineering website: [http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice\\_aux\\_pumping\\_plant.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice_aux_pumping_plant.htm). All responses to comments submitted on the DEIR by public agencies will be provided to those agencies at least 10 days prior to final action on the Proposed Project. The Board of Public Works and City Council Committee(s) may consider and make recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the Final EIR. The Los Angeles City Council will make findings regarding the extent and nature of the environmental impacts as described in the Final EIR. The Final EIR will need to be certified by the City prior to making a decision to approve or deny the Proposed Project. Public input is encouraged at all public hearings before the City.

For additional information about the environmental review process, please call (213) 485-5761.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Supervisor II