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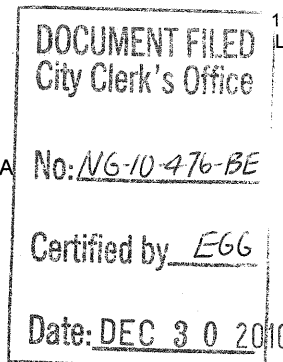
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
ALBION DAIRY DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION &  
ALBION RIVERSIDE PARK PROJECT**

- State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#): Pending Assignment by OPR -

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.*

**Project Location:** The project site includes the Albion Dairy site (1739 Albion Street) and the existing Downey Recreation Center (southern portion – 1772 N. Spring Street). Refer to map on next page for project site. The project site is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles in the community of Lincoln Heights and Council District 1 area of the City of Los Angeles.

**Project Description:** The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing a project that would assist in improving water quality, and would support the City's efforts to comply with current and future Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) stormwater regulations. The proposed project is comprised of three distinct phases:

- Phase 1 – Demolition and Remediation
- Phase 2 – Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Phase 3 – Park Improvements

**Phase 1 – Demolition and Remediation:** This phase includes demolition of all buildings on-site, lead-based paint (LBP) and asbestos abatement, removal of clarifiers, any remaining tanks/equipment, as well as remediation of contaminated soils. Clean soil would also be imported during Phase 1. At the end of this phase, the site's soil will be remediated to residential standards and left in a stabilized, rough-graded finish. Funding is currently available for this phase.

**Phase 2 – Stormwater BMPs:** The proposed project would divert a portion of the flows from adjacent storm drains (one underneath Albion Street and one that runs parallel to North Spring Street) to the site and construct and operate appropriate, beneficial, and feasible stormwater BMPs within the site to reduce pollutants entering the Los Angeles River. In addition, runoff from the north half of Albion Street adjacent to the site would be routed to BMPs for treatment using "green streets" BMP concepts. Although the City will pursue funding from Proposition O for this phase, funding has not yet been secured for Phase 2 of the project.

*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.*



Phase 3 – Park Improvements: The proposed project would expand the existing Downey Recreation Center from approximately four acres to approximately ten acres by incorporating the former Albion Dairy parcel. Phase 3 of the proposed project would include recreational, aesthetic, and educational amenities that would further transform the project site into a park to supplement the BMPs and associated water quality benefits. These park improvements may also include the reconfiguration of park elements currently at the adjacent portion of the Downey Recreation Center. This would increase the use of this small and often underutilized park and improve access to the River consistent with various planning efforts. Funding has not yet been secured for Phase 3 of the project.

Currently Phase 1 of the project is funded by Proposition O, a \$500 million Clean Water Bond Measure approved by voters in November 5, 2004. It is anticipated that Phase 2 of the project would also be funded by Proposition O in the future. The recreational amenities are not eligible for Proposition O funding and no funding source has been identified at this time. Mitigation measures have been included to ensure that any impacts are reduced to less than significant.

This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The Initial Study is available for review at the Lincoln Heights Branch Library, 2530 Workman Street; Council District 1 - District Office, 163 South Avenue 24, Room 202, Lincoln Heights 90031; Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group (EMG), 1149 S. Broadway (contact Maria Martin at (213) 485-5753); or online at <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg>.

The 30 day public review period starts January 6, 2011 and ends February 4, 2011. **Comments must be received in writing by February 4, 2011, by email (please put “Albion Dairy Project” in subject line) to [Maria.Martin@lacity.org](mailto:Maria.Martin@lacity.org), or by mail to:**

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Engineering, EMG  
Attention: Maria Martin, Environmental Supervisor  
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**Map of Project Site**

