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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
THE HANSEN DAM RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(Parking Lot Restoration/BMP and Kids Campground)  
(W.O. EW40016B and E1906542)**

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

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and 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 will be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Osborne Street and Dronfield Avenue inside the Hansen Dam Recreation Area. The site is located entirely within the jurisdiction of City of Los Angeles Council District 7, within the Arleta-Pacoima Community Plan areas. The campground would be located on a two-acre site at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area in the general area of the former Holiday Lake, while the parking lot restoration/BMP project would be located in an area of two (upper and lower) parking lots in close proximity to Hansen Lake.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works and State of California, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, propose to construct the Hansen Dam Recreation Improvements Project. The project includes two components - 1) Kids Campground; and 2) Parking Lot/Restoration/BMP (AKA: Green Parking Lot) - subject to CEQA environmental review under this Initial Study. See aerial photograph and map on the following page (Figures 1 and 2).

The campground component includes construction of 12 temporary tent cabins on decomposed granite pads, as well as portable dining and kitchen facilities to accommodate up to 60 campers and 10 staff members. A permanent restroom facility would also be constructed, which includes installation of 2,700 feet of new, four-inch diameter sewer line and a new sewer lift station. Also included are an amphitheater, and campfire circle, as well as a small staff parking lot and drop-off area. A shade structure is a planned, future improvement, but is not presently part of the current project scope of work. For security, the perimeter would be fenced using approximately 750-feet of concrete rail fencing. A (two-inch diameter) potable water supply line, drinking fountains, and misters would also be included in the design. Electrical lines and water services would be replaced or upgraded to meet current codes. The campground would be operated daily during the summer months. During the rest of the year, the campground would be limited to weekend use for over-night camping with possibly some programs during the weekdays. Construction is expected to begin late winter of 2010, to be completed and operational by July 1, 2010.

The Parking Lot/Restoration BMP component includes construction of diversionary structures, infiltration/detention basins, trash racks, and vegetated-swales, which would accept and filter runoff into Hansen Lake. The small, diversionary structures would be constructed in two existing arroyos, tributary to the lake. In addition, the lower parking lot would be redesigned. Portions of the lower parking lot would be removed to make room for a vegetated filter strip, vegetated swale, and infiltration/detention basin. The parallel access road, as well as the central and perimeter berms would also be removed. The



remaining parking lot area would be re-stripped to accommodate existing capacity. The upper parking lot would not be modified; however, the upper lot would be served by a separate, but similar inlet/vegetated swale and infiltration/detention basin system. The project also includes eradication of invasive non-native plant species, and their replacement with appropriate California native plant species. A temporary irrigation system, along with protective anti-pest devices, would also be installed to aide in establishment of the vegetation. Depending upon available funding, the project scope may include parking lot resurfacing, installation of wheel-stops or simple barrier fencing to deter vehicles from encroaching upon the wetland habitat. Construction is expected to begin September 15, 2010, and to be completed and operational by March 15, 2011.

Once completed, the campground would be operated and maintained by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Valley Region. The City, Bureau of Sanitation would maintain the BMP facilities.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The proposed Hansen Dam Recreation Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on November 5, 2009 and ending on December 7, 2009. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

Lake View Terrace Branch Library	Pacoima Branch Library
12002 Osborne Street	13605 Van Nuys Boulevard
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342	Pacoima, CA 91331
(818) 890-7404	(818) 899-5203

A copy of the document may also be obtained by calling William Jones of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5760, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website, [http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental Review Documents.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental%20Review%20Documents.htm). All comments must be submitted in writing no later than **December 7, 2009**, by mailing to:

William Jones  
 City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works  
 Bureau of Engineering  
 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600  
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

Thank you for your interest.



Figure 1

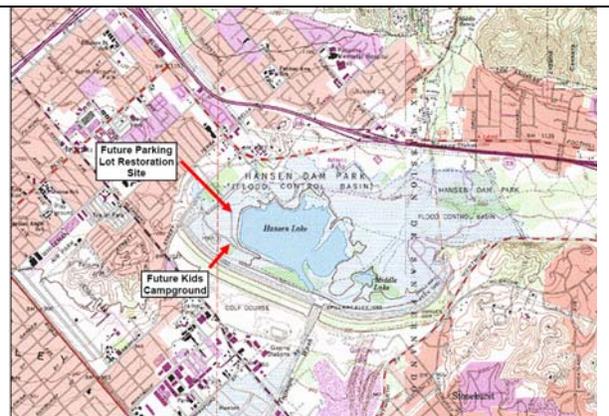


Figure 2