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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE HILLCREST DRIVE LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT (W.O. E1907298)**

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 hillside which includes twelve City-owned parcels (APN Nos. 4355-013-901 through 4355-013-908, and 4355-013-913 through 4355-013-916) on Hillcrest Drive above North Beverly Drive in the Beverly Crest area of the City of Los Angeles.

Project Description: The proposed project would stabilize a landslide area on a hillside above Hillcrest Drive near the intersection with North Beverly Drive in the City of Los Angeles. The project site is in the Franklin Canyon area of the south flank of the Santa Monica Mountains and is on several unimproved parcels owned by the City of Los Angeles. Hillcrest Drive below the project site is currently unimproved. The landslide at the project site reactivated in the 1990's and deposited debris onto Hillcrest Drive behind several residences that front North Beverly Drive. The City purchased the property onto which debris had been deposited and constructed a debris wall along and catchment basin on the down slope side of the lower part of Hillcrest Drive. The landslide reactivated again during heavy rains in 2005 and debris was deposited behind the catchment basin. The current project is the result of litigation.

The project would stabilize the landslide area by removing debris, grading the slope and constructing drainage terraces. The project would remove landslide debris from the catchment area. The landslide debris would be trucked from the project site to an off-site location. Once the landslide debris is removed, the resultant slope would be graded to have a gradient no steeper than 2:1 (horizontal to vertical). Eight-foot wide drainage terraces would be constructed at 25-foot vertical intervals. When grading is completed, the site would be planted with drought tolerant native vegetation. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to ensure that any impacts are reduced to a less than significant level.

This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The Initial Study can be accessed online at http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm and is available for review at the Westwood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024. A copy of the Initial Study may also be obtained by contacting Norman Mundy of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5737.

The 30-day public review period starts September 30, 2011, and ends October 31, 2011. **Comments must be received in writing by October 31, 2011, by email to Norman.Mundy@lacity.org, or by mail to:**

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
Attn: Norman Mundy, Environmental Specialist
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Hillcrest Drive Landslide Repair Project – Project Site

