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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TAYLOR YARD RIVER PARCEL G2 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 approximately 41-acre Taylor Yard River Parcel G2 (2070 North San Fernando Road). Refer to map on next page for project site. The project site is located approximately three miles north of downtown Los Angeles in the community of Cypress Park and Council District 1 area of the City of Los Angeles. The project site is located in the vicinity of the Los Angeles River.

Project Description: The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing a project that would assist in improving water quality in the vicinity of the Los Angeles River, and would support the City's efforts to comply with current and future Los Angeles River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for trash, metals, and bacteria. The proposed project would comply with Proposition O funding criteria. Site remediation activities, and the implementation of water quality improvements, and parkland and open space facilities would be included with the proposed project. The proposed project would be implemented in two phases.

Phase 1 – Demolition and Remediation: Phase 1 includes the demolition of all remaining above-ground structures on the entire project site, with the exception of any utility and other easement areas. To properly remediate the project site, the City would consult with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to achieve a level of site and site remediation that is safe for public access. A Remedial Action Plan was previously prepared for the project site and would be subject to additional revision and approval by DTSC as applicable to support the approval of the project. An approximately 10-acre portion of the project site would be remediated to applicable standards for recreational use. The remaining approximately 31 acres would be remediated to standards for industrial use.

Phase 1 – Water Quality Improvements and Parkland and Open Space: Phase 1 also includes the implementation of structural best management practices (BMPs) as part of water quality improvements would potentially include the diversion of the dry-weather and a portion of wet-weather stormwater flows in the project vicinity conveyed onto the project site, as well as hydrodynamic separators at stormwater inlet points. In addition, BMPs may also include the construction of natural treatment systems such as, surface and subsurface lateral infiltration and storage, bioswales, bioretention areas, and water quality treatment wetlands. The installation of water quality treatment wetlands would also function as habitat for wildlife. Upland habitat compatible with riparian habitat would be constructed. Permeable paving and green street elements along parkland and open space access and maintenance routes may also be



incorporated. Treatment of on-site dry-weather and a portion of wet-weather flows may be integrated into appropriate natural treatment systems, as feasible.

Following the construction of the water quality improvements, passive parkland and associated facilities, and open space would be constructed. The construction of parkland and open space may include bicycle paths, pedestrian trails that incorporate grade separated crossings, educational signage, security lighting, promenades, native streetscape plantings, themed street furniture, integrated stormwater management elements, planting and landscaping, and other Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP) amenities. In addition, an irrigation system and perimeter fencing would be installed. A small, 10-parking-space surface lot would be constructed.

Phase 2 – Future Phase: Under Phase 2, the development of the approximately 31 acres would occur once the appropriate future land use is identified. Further environmental analysis, including subsequent project-level CEQA compliance may be required. Development of the entire approximately 41-acre site is subject to consultation with DTSC. In addition, the Remedial Action Plan that was prepared for the project site would be subject to additional revision and approval by DTSC as applicable to support the approval of the project.

Mitigation measures have been included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 Cypress Park Branch Library, 1150 Cypress Avenue, Los Angeles 90065; Silver Lake Library 2411 Glendale Avenue, Los Angeles 90039; Council District 1 - District Office, ~~163 South Avenue 24, Room 202, Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles 90031~~ **5577 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90042**; Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group (EMG), 1149 South Broadway, Los Angeles 90015 (contact Shokoufe Marashi at (213) 485-5759); or online at <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg>.

The 30-day public review period starts August 1, 2014 and ends September ~~12~~, 2014. **Comments must be received in writing by September 12, 2014 by email (please put “Taylor Yard Project” in subject line) to shokoufe.marashi@lacity.org, or by mail to:**

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
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Map of Project Site

