

Appendix A
Notice of Preparation/Initial Study

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties

From: City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project

Summary: The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (LABOE) is beginning the environmental review process for the proposed Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) Project, which would be located adjacent to the existing Venice Pumping Plant at 140 Hurricane Street. LABOE welcomes comments and/or concerns on the content of the environmental information presented and invites you to attend a public meeting in your neighborhood to learn more about the proposed Project and participate in the environmental review process.

The City of Los Angeles (City), Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), as the CEQA Lead Agency, has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) Project. BOE has prepared, as part of the NOP, an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist in accordance with current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, Article I and Section 15082 of CEQA Guidelines. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to the statutory responsibilities of agencies and to the concerns of other interested stakeholders. Using the information obtained through the scoping period and the Initial Study, the City will prepare an EIR to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and alternatives.

Project Location

The proposed Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project (proposed Project) would be located on two existing vacant lots at the northeast corner of Hurricane Street and Canal Court across and immediately north of the existing Venice Pumping Plant in the community of Venice, in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. Combined, these parcels are approximately 90-feet in length and 70-feet in width (approximately 6,300 square feet). See attached Figure 1, Project Vicinity Map and Figure 2, Project Location Map.



Proposed Project

The proposed Project would include the construction of an auxiliary pumping facility that would provide additional reliability and supplement capacity to the existing Venice Pumping Plant (VPP), located at 140 Hurricane Street in the City of Los Angeles (City) community of Venice. The proposed facility would be sized to supplement the pumping capacity of the VPP, Pump Station No. 646, for a combined ultimate peak flow capacity of 87 million gallons per day (mgd), reflecting wet weather flows of a 10-year storm event. Major project components of the proposed project would include:

- One electrical building approximately 30-feet in height
- Three pumps constructed below ground level
- Utility connections, transformers and generators
- A 17-foot x 17-foot submerged diversion structure, the top of which will be below the lowest elevation of the Grand Canal
- A 66-inch sewer line to connect VAPP to the new diversion structure
- Vacation of a segment of Hurricane Street east of Canal Court to the Esplanade (pedestrian walkway) along the Grand Canal
- Landscaping and benches, green open space and public viewing areas
- Fencing with blinds and vegetation for screening

Potential Environmental Effects

Potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project include the following, which are included in the scope of the Initial Study and will be discussed in detail in the Draft EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/ Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology/ Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems

Initial Study

An Initial Study is a preliminary analysis conducted by the CEQA Lead Agency (BOE) to determine whether there is substantial evidence that a project may have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study is available online at:

http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice_aux_pumping_plant.htm .

In addition, hard copies are available for review at the following locations:

- Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Library, 501 South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291
- W 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

Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings will be held to obtain input on the scope and contents of the EIR:

- December 3, 2015, 6:00PM Venice Foursquare Church, 1400 Riviera Avenue, Venice, CA 90291
- December 8, 2015, 6:00PM Abbot Kinney Memorial Library, 501 South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291

Comments

Please submit your comments, concerns and any other information that will be helpful in preparing an informative EIR by Friday, **December 18, 2015**. **Comments may be submitted by email to: jan.green.rebstock@lacity.org** (please include VAPP Project in the subject line). Please include the name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address of a person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

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If you have any questions about the environmental review process for the proposed VAPP Project, please contact Dr. Jan Green Rebstock at (213) 485-5671.

Attachments



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Figure 1
Project Vicinity Map
Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project



Figure 2
Project Location Map (with Existing, Temporary and Permanent Pedestrian/Vehicular Access)
Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant Project



