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#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF ENGINEERING 1149 S. BROADWAY, 7th FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (Articles II and III – City CEQA Guidelines)

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Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

LEAD CITY AGE	NCY AND ADDRESS:	City of Los Angeles c/o Bureau of Engineering 1149 S. Broadway, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, MS 939	COUNCIL DISTRICT 12	
		Los Angeles, CA 90015		
PROJECT TITLE: Reseda Blvd Alley Green Streets (W.O. S33WRBGA / CIP No. WPD000024)			LOG REFERENCE	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b> Alley east of Reseda Boulevard from Osborne Street to Parthenia Street, in the Northridge Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles (see <i>Figure 1: Project Location</i> ). T.G. Page 500, Grid J7				
<b>DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:</b> The Reseda Blvd Alley Green Streets Project (Project) consists of improving the alley east of Reseda Boulevard from approximately Nordhoff Street to Parthenia Place. The Project will replace existing alley pavement with permeable paver systems, install landscaping and driveways, and a drywell. Project beneficiaries include Northridge residents and business owners. Please see the Project description continuation in the narrative for more details. On October 11, 2024 the City Engineer approved the Project design plans and the Project is moving to the Bid and Award phase.				
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Dr.Jan Green Rebstock Jan.green.rebs			ock@lacity.org	
EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One) <u>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</u> <u>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</u>				
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		, Sec. 1 Class 4 Cat. 3 Sec. 153	· · ·	
* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.				
<b>JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:</b> This Project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 15304(b). Additionally, the Project is exempt pursuant to <i>Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines</i> Article III, Section 1 Class 1, Category 3 because it involves the minor alteration of existing public private structures and Article III, Section 1 Class 4, Category 3 because it involves minor alterations to the condition of land and vegetation. <i>None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply (see attached narrative).</i>				
IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING				
SIGNATURE:	1,0	TITLE:	DATE:	
For:	Sul By	Environmental Affairs Officer	Apr 10, 2025	
Dr. Jan Green Rebstock dox sign 4K582274-4PX3Y2LK Clean Water Division Apr 10				
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE	

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# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

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## I. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT, CONTINUED

The Project consists of improving an approximately 1,750-foot alley east of Reseda Boulevard from approximately 600 feet south of Nordhoff Street to Parthenia Place and sidewalk improvements on Rayen Street, Gresham Street, and Eddy Street. The goal of the Project is to capture, treat, and infiltrate approximately 0.359 acre-feet (af) of stormwater during each 24-hour rain event, reducing runoff into storm drains which flows into local waterways. The Project will be able to capture the runoff from an 85th percentile storm event from the drainage area of 4.68 acres. The existing storm drain network will remain to capture stormwater runoff from storms greater than the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 24-hour storm even (overflows). The Project will utilize a Design Build delivery method.

The Project scope consists of replacing approximately 34,000 sq ft of pavement with permeable paver systems, concrete pavement, landscaping and driveways. This will include installing approximately 8,000 sq ft of permeable pavers, 1,600 sq ft of planters, and 20,000 sq ft of colored concrete paving and six alley driveway ramp replacements. The Project also includes approximately 2,600 sq ft of landscaping on the east-west bound streets Rayen Street, Gresham Street, and Eddy Street adjacent to the alley.

During rain events runoff will enter the system through the alley permeable pavers with an underdrain and the street planters with bioswales to remove pollutants and irrigate landscaping.

The Project will include planting approximately four (4) trees and one (1) dry well at the northern end of the Project area.

Unless otherwise stated, the proposed Project will be designed, constructed, and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards including but not limited to:

- Los Angeles Municipal Code
- Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans
- Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction
- Work Area Traffic Control Handbook
- Additions and Amendments to the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction

Due to the depth of excavation required the following Environmental Protection Measures will be implemented:

- BMP ARC-1: Archaeological Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). Prior to the start of construction, the Qualified Archaeologist or archaeological monitor shall conduct training for construction personnel regarding the physical appearance of archaeological resources and the procedures for notifying archaeological staff should archaeological resources be discovered by construction staff. In the event of an archaeological resource discovery by construction personnel, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to evaluate the find before restarting work in the area. If it is determined that the archaeological resource(s) is(are) scientifically significant, the archaeological monitor shall complete the Archaeological Assessment.
- BMP ARC-2: Archaeological Assessment. If a possible archaeological resource is uncovered during earthwork or construction, all work shall cease within a minimum distance of 50 feet from the find until a Qualified Archaeologist has been retained to evaluate the find in accordance with National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources criteria. The Qualified Archaeologist may adjust this avoidance area, ensuring

appropriate temporary protection measures of the find are taken while also considering ongoing construction needs in the surrounding area. Temporary staking and delineation of the avoidance area shall be installed around the find in order to avoid any disturbance from construction equipment. Ground Disturbance Activities may continue unimpeded on other portions of the site outside the specified radius. Any potential archaeological resource or associated materials that are uncovered shall not be moved or collected by anyone other than an Archaeological Monitor or Qualified Archaeologist unless the materials have been determined to be non-unique archaeological resources, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21083.1(h), by the Qualified Archaeologist. The Qualified Archaeologist shall determine if the resources are unique archaeological resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21083.2(g). Consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21083.2(g). Consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21083.2(g). The archaeological resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21083.2(g).

- The find should be preserved in place or left in an undisturbed state unless the Project would damage the resource.
- When preserving in place or leaving in an undisturbed state is not possible, excavation and recovery of the find for scientific study should occur unless testing or studies already completed have adequately recovered the scientifically consequential information from and about the resource, and this determination is documented by a Qualified Archaeologist.

Ground disturbing activities in the area where resource(s) were found may recommence once the identified resources are properly assessed and processed by a Qualified Archaeologist. A report that describes the resource(s) and its disposition, as well as the assessment methodology, shall be prepared by the Qualified Archaeologist according to current professional standards and maintained for at least five years after certificate of occupancy. If appropriate, the report should also contain the Qualified Archaeologist's recommendations for the preservation, conservation, and curation of the resource at a suitable repository, such as the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, with which the City must comply.

- BMP-PAL-1: Paleontological Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). Prior to
  the start of construction, the Qualified Paleontologist or paleontological monitor shall conduct
  training for construction personnel regarding the appearance of fossils and the procedures for
  notifying paleontological staff should fossils be discovered by construction staff. In the event of
  a fossil discovery by construction personnel, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall
  cease and a Qualified Paleontologist shall be contacted to evaluate the find before restarting
  work in the area. If it is determined that the fossil(s) is(are) scientifically significant, the
  paleontological monitor shall complete the next two steps.
- BMP-PAL-2: Treatment of Paleontological Resources. If a probable paleontological resource is uncovered during earthwork or construction, all work shall cease within a minimum distance of 50 feet from the find until a Qualified Paleontologist has been retained to evaluate the find in accordance with the Society of Vertebrate Paleontological Resources (2010). Temporary flagging shall be installed around the find to avoid any disturbance from construction equipment. Any paleontological materials that are uncovered shall not be moved or collected by anyone other than a Qualified Paleontologist or their designated representative such as a Paleontological Monitor. If cleared by the Qualified Paleontologist, Ground Disturbance Activities may continue unimpeded on other portions of the site. The found deposit(s) shall be treated in accordance with the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Standard Procedures for the Assessment and Mitigation of Adverse Impacts to Paleontological Resources. Ground Disturbance Activities in the area where resource(s) were found may commence once the



identified resources are properly assessed and processed by Qualified Paleontologist. A report that describes the resource and its disposition, as well as the assessment methodology, shall be prepared by the Qualified Paleontologist according to current professional standards and maintained for at least five years after certificate of occupancy. If appropriate, the report should also contain the Qualified Paleontologist recommendations for the preservation, conservation, and curation of the resource at a suitable repository, such as the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, with which the City must comply.

• BMP-CUL-1: Treatment of Tribal Cultural Resources. If a possible cultural resource is uncovered during earthwork or construction, all work shall cease within a minimum distance of 50 feet from the find until a Qualified Tribal Monitor or Archaeological Monitor has been retained to evaluate the find. Following discovery, the Bureau of Engineering shall immediately contact all Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the Project, as well as the Bureau of Engineering. If a Qualified Tribal Monitor or Archaeological Monitor determines, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21047(a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be a potential tribal cultural resource, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, the City shall provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than five business days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the City and Bureau of Engineering regarding the monitoring of future Ground Disturbance Activities and the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources. The City shall implement the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.

Consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21083.2, the handling, treatment, preservation, and recordation of tribal cultural resources should occur as follows:

- The find should be preserved in place or left in an undisturbed state unless the Project would damage the resource.
- When preserving in place or leaving in an undisturbed state is not possible, excavation and recovery of the find for scientific study should occur unless testing or studies already completed have adequately recovered the scientifically consequential information from and about the resource, and this determination is documented by a Qualified Tribal Monitor or Qualified Archaeologist.

All collected artifacts and fieldwork notes, if not human remains or other mortuary objects, shall be curated at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County or another appropriate curatorial facility for educational purposes. If cleared by the Qualified Tribal Monitor or Archaeological Monitor, Ground Disturbance Activities may continue unimpeded on other portions of the site. Ground Disturbance Activities in the area where resource(s) were found may recommence once the identified resources are properly assessed and processed. A report describes the resources and its disposition, as well as the assessment methodology shall be prepared by the Qualified Tribal Monitor or Archaeological Monitor, according to current professional standards and maintained for at least five years after the certificate of occupancy is issued. A copy of the report shall be submitted to Bureau of Engineering, the South Central Coastal Information Center at California State University, Fullerton and to the Native American Heritage Commission for inclusion in its Sacred Lands File. The Bureau of Engineering may review and approve any monitoring or mitigation plan prior to implementation.

To meet the requirements of the LAMC and reduce noise levels to the greatest extent feasible, the following regulatory compliance will be implemented as applicable to achieve acceptable noise reductions: 2025 076175



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- **BMP-NOI-1**: The proposed Project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance No. 144,331 and 161,574 (LAMC Section 112.05), and any subsequent ordinances, which prohibit the emission or creation of noise beyond certain levels.
- **BMP-NOI-2**: Construction shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction activity shall not be permitted on any Sunday or national holiday.
- **BMP-NOI-3**: Noise-generating equipment operated at the Project site shall be equipped with the most effective and technologically feasible noise control devices, such as mufflers, lagging (enclosures for exhaust pipes), and/or motor enclosures. All equipment shall be properly maintained to assure that no additional noise, due to worn or improperly maintained parts, would be generated.
- **BMP-NOI-4**: The proposed Project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Building Regulations Ordinance No. 178,048 (LAMC Section 91.106.4.8), which requires a construction site notice to be provided that includes the following information: job site address, permit number, name and phone number of the contractor and owner or owner's agent, hours of construction allowed by code or any discretionary approval for each site, and City telephone numbers where violations can be reported. The notice shall be posted and maintained at the construction site prior to the start of construction and displayed in a location that is readily visible to the public.

## II. PROJECT HISTORY

The existing Project site issues include poor pavement conditions and limited distinction between public right of way and public property, and the area is in constant use by cars and pedestrians for the commercial businesses nearby. Indications of damage to the road include cracks due to vehicle travel. The existing alley begins at West Eddy Street and continues North to the 99 Cent Store then curves to Reseda Boulevard. The entire alley area is 27,500 sq ft and is intersected by Gresham Street and Rayen Street. The east side of the alley is made up of apartments and houses. These areas would be preserved and would not be impacted with the additional BMP features added to the Project. The alley allows access to parking attached to the businesses. Along the alley there are also nine (9) distribution poles.

## III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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## **Basis for Categorical Exemption**

The proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) *Existing Facilities* for minor alteration of existing public structures, and Section 15304, Class 4(b) *Minor Alterations to Land* for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures including utility extensions and street improvements because the Project consists of replacing pavement in an alley with permeable pavers and other minor street improvements such as landscaping.

Additionally, this Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) *Existing Facilities* for minor alteration of existing highways and streets, and pursuant to Class 4(3) *Minor Alterations to Land* for landscaping because the Project consists of replacing pavement in an alley with permeable pavers and other minor street improvements such as

landscaping.

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## Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

**1. Location.** Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the Project is to be located – a Project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

This Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) *Existing Facilities* and Section 15304, Class 4(b) *Minor Alterations to Land*. Although the Project is exempt pursuant to Class 4, the Project consists of street improvements and replacing pavement with permeable pavers in an alley with no environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**2. Cumulative Impact.** This exception applies when, although a project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

Per the Bureau of Engineering's Public Way Reservation System, there are no other known projects that could involve cumulatively significant impacts. Therefore, this exception has no application to this Project.

**3. Significant Effect.** This exception applies when, although the Project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

## **Biological Resources**

No impacts from biological resources are anticipated from this Project. A search of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) revealed one sensitive species within a 1-mile radius of the Project site, *Bombus crotchii*, or Crotch's bumble bee. It is State Candidate Endangered species, and it is found in a variety of habitats including open grasslands, shrublands, chaparral, desert margins, and semi-urban settings. No suitable habitat is present for this species in the Project area due to development.

As indicated above, no impacts to biological resources are anticipated, therefore, this exception has no application to this Project.

## Hydrology/Water Quality

Soil in the Project area has an infiltration rate high enough for infiltration Best Management Practices (BMPs). However, groundwater is relatively shallow, and the soil profile includes clay layers. An artesian spring is located on the north side of Parthenia Street just south of the Project area and is possibly fed by water trapped above the clay layers of the soil.

If dry wells are not installed, due to shallow excavation (maximum depth 5-ft) and the lack of groundwater expected, the construction of this Project is not expected to contact groundwater. However, if groundwater is encountered during construction activities, construction shall be halted in the area until appropriate dewatering or avoidance measures are identified.

If excavation depths will reach a depth that contact with groundwater is anticipated, appropriate

dewatering or avoidance measures will be identified and implemented prior to ground disturbance.

Therefore, the proposed Project would not cause any significant impacts related to hydrology or water quality at the Project site.

## **Hazards & Hazardous Materials**

As of January 17, 2023, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (EnviroStor database at <u>www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov</u>) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (GeoTracker database at <u>https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/</u>) have not listed the Project site.

The RWQCB GeoTracker database listed two (2) closed Cleanup Program Sites within ¼ mile of the Project site. The Rancho Dry Cleaner (SLT43614612) site located at 8805 Reseda Boulevard did not specify any potential contaminants of concern or the potential medium of concern. Cleanup was completed and the case was closed as of February 14, 1998. The Dollar Stretcher Cleaners (SL204FD2426) site located at 9000-A Reseda Boulevard listed volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as the potential contaminant of concern, and the potential media of concern are listed as the aquifer used for drinking water supply, soil, and soil vapor. Cleanup was completed and the case was closed as of May 21, 2009. As former Cleanup Program Sites with Case Closed statuses, neither site is anticipated to become an environmental concern for the Project.

The GeoTracker database also listed one (1) open - remediation Cleanup Program Site within ¼ mile of the Project site. The Coast United Advertising Property (Former Henderson Property) (SLT4L1871775) site located at 8714-8716 Darby listed acid and VOCs as the potential contaminants of concern, and the potential media of concern are listed as other groundwater (uses other than drinking water), soil, and soil vapor. The site was listed as Open – Remediation as of December 24, 2019. Groundwater movement is southeasterly, away from the Project site, and not expected to impact the Project. A soil investigation will be completed prior to the construction phase of the Project to inspect the soil for traces of any contaminants of concern, and the construction contractor will adhere to General Condition Section 00314 Notification of Hazardous Substances. Therefore, it is not anticipated this site will become an environmental concern for the Project.

## Noise

OSHA noise guidelines and the City of Los Angeles' noise standards will be incorporated into the final design of the Project.

Construction documents and technical specifications will require that all construction equipment and vehicles be equipped with sound attenuating mufflers as required to minimize noise during construction. Operation of the proposed Project is not anticipated to generate substantial noise due to the nature of the Project. Activities associated with long-term operations and maintenance would be minimal and not create perceptible noise. To meet the requirements of the LAMC and reduce noise levels to the greatest extent feasible, regulatory compliance measures will be implemented as applicable to achieve acceptable noise reductions as described above under I. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT, CONTINUED.

Implementation of these standard construction best management practices as applicable would ensure that the proposed Project includes technically feasible measures to reduce community noise exposure from construction equipment. The proposed Project would comply with all regulatory requirements and related noise ordinances and construction noise is not anticipated to exceed City noise standards. Therefore, the proposed Project would not cause any significant impacts related to noise at the Project site.

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## **Transportation**

The Project site is located in a commercial and residential alley east of Reseda Boulevard. While vehicles consistently use the alley, traffic volume is relatively low. During construction, it is anticipated that construction vehicles will be able to access the existing alley and street segments for construction work. It is anticipated that the Project will require rerouting of traffic during construction; however, vehicle trips or traffic congestion is not anticipated.

The Project consists of replacing pavement in an alley with permeable pavers, other minor street improvements such as landscaping and tree planting, and installation of active stormwater management systems. Construction like this project occurs within the public right-of-way throughout the City of Los Angeles and as such, this is not an unusual circumstance.

## **Utilities/Service Systems**

Based on available as-built plans, there is an existing permitted electrical duct bank in the Project area limits and will be protected in place during construction. Only construction of active stormwater management systems is anticipated for this Project. The Contractor shall be fully aware of the possible unmarked utilities crossing or parallel to the Project area. All trenches and excavations shall either be backfilled or covered with temporary steel plates daily so that all traffic and parking lanes are open during non-construction hours. This construction methodology will facilitate this Project and future maintenance of the stormwater management infrastructure.

For the reasons stated above, there is not a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances and this exception does not apply.

4. Scenic Highway. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The proposed Project is not within a state designated scenic highway or within sight of any state designated scenic highway. Therefore, this exception has no application to this Project.

5. Hazardous Waste Site. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of January 17, 2023, the Project site was not listed as a hazardous waste site. As described above in Section 3. Significant Effects, there is one contaminated site 1/4 mile from the Project site; however, this site is not anticipated to represent an environmental concern in connection with the Project. Therefore, this exception has no application to this Project.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

A database search of HistoricPlacesLA.org identified that a portion of the Project is located within the Reseda Boulevard Commercial Planning District (District) between Osborne Street and Gresham Street. The District was evaluated on July 9, 2015, and it was determined that the area does not meet eligibility criteria as a historic district and does not retain sufficient integrity to convey significance. Four sites of historical significance were identified within the vicinity of the Project site. Two residences, one at 8803 N Canby Avenue and one at 8813 N Canby Avenue have potential architectural significance. Joyce's Coffee Shop, located at 8826 N Reseda Boulevard, is a commercial building with potential significance as a long-term location of a business important to the commercial identity of Northridge. An industrial building at 8719 N Canby Avenue also has potential architectural significance and is one of the a few extant resources associated with the early community of Zelzah. The Project will not impact any character-defining characteristics of these properties. Therefore, no impacts to the historical 2025 076175

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significance of these properties are expected.

The Project will occur within areas previously disturbed by the original alley and utilities. Excavation of the ground surface is anticipated. In the event that unanticipated historical artifacts are encountered, City Engineer Standard Specifications, Section 6 3.2, (Greenbook, 2012) states: "If discovery is made of items or archaeological or paleontological interest, the Contractor shall immediately cease excavation in the area of discovery and shall not continue until ordered by the Engineer." Therefore, during activities in which there will be ground disturbances (i.e., digging, drilling, etc.) if any evidence of archaeological, cultural, or paleontological resources are found, all work in the vicinity of the find shall stop until a qualified archaeologist can assess the finds and make recommendations. No excavation of any finds should be attempted by Project personnel unless directed by a qualified archaeologist. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA (Section 15064.5f; Public Resources Code or PRC 21082), additional work such as testing, or data recovery may be warranted.

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbances; State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

As indicated above, the Project is not anticipated to result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, no substantial adverse impact to cultural resources is anticipated, and as such this exception does not apply.



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## **IV. REFERENCES**

- California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (State CEQA Guidelines), available from <u>http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/</u>
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). *California State Scenic Highway System Map*. Retrieved January 12, 2023, from https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057 116f1aacaa
- City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Parcel Profile Report. Retrieved on November 23, 2022, from *NavigateLA* http://boemaps.eng.ci.la.ca.us/navigatela/
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering. Retrieved on January 12, 2023, *NavigateLA*. http://boemaps.eng.ci.la.ca.us/navigatela/
- City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines available from https://planning.lacity.org/EIR/CEQA\_Guidelines/City\_CEQA\_Guidelines.pdf

Los Angeles Municipal Code

- Public Resources Code, Div. 13, Sections 21000-21189 (CEQA), available from <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/</a>
- Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Standard Procedures for the Assessment and Mitigation of Adverse Impacts to Paleontological Resources available from <u>https://vertpaleo.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/01/SVP\_Impact\_Mitigation\_Guidelines-1.pdf</u>



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## V. Definitions

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- 1. Ground Disturbance Activities. Any earthwork activity including, but not limited to, excavating, digging, trenching, plowing, drilling, tunneling, quarrying, grading, leveling, removing peat, clearing, driving posts, augering, backfilling, blasting, stripping topsoil or a similar activity at a project site.
- **2. Qualified Expert.** A person with specified knowledge, skill, education, experience and/or training in a specialized field, including the following types of experts:
  - Archaeological Monitor. An archaeologist who has a minimum of a bachelor's or equivalent degree in archaeology, anthropology, paleontology, or another closely related field and no less than one year of experience conducting archaeological monitoring and/or excavation in similar regional archaeological contexts.
  - Paleontological Monitor. A paleontologist who has a minimum of a bachelor's or equivalent degree in geology or paleontology and no less than one year of experience performing paleontological monitoring and salvaging fossil materials in the relevant geologic province; or an equivalent degree in biology or pursuit of a degree in geology or paleontology and no less than two years of comparable experience.
  - **Qualified Archaeologist.** A professional archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards and is eligible or listing on the Register of Professional Archaeologists or the Society for American Archaeology; holds a graduate degree in archaeology or a related field; and has a minimum of five years of experience completing and supervising field work in archaeological contexts similar to the project site.
  - Qualified Historian. A person with a graduate degree in architectural history or a closely
    related area of study, such as art history or historic preservation, and at least one year of
    experience in applying the methods and practices of architectural history in the historic
    preservation arena; or with a bachelor's or equivalent degree in one of the same areas of
    study and at least three years of experience.
  - Qualified Paleontologist. A paleontologist who meets the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards for a Principal Investigator or Project Paleontologist; has demonstrated competence in field techniques, preparation, identification, curation, and reporting and/or a graduate degree in paleontology or geology or a publication record in peer reviewed journals; at least two years professional experience with administration and project management experience; proficiency in recognizing fossils in the field and determining their significance; expertise in local geology, stratigraphy, and biostratigraphy; and experience collecting vertebrate fossils in the field.
  - Qualified Tribal Monitor. A tribal representative who possesses the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience established by the Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) Guidelines for Native American Monitors/Consultants (2005), and as may be amended.
- 3. To the Extent Available and Feasible. Employment of best efforts to implement or comply with

a requirement, assuming any necessary technology, equipment, or other resources are readily available and costs or other constraints are not prohibitive.



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State of California-Department of Fish and Wildlife CALIFORNIA 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE FISH & WILDLIFE CASH RECEIPT RECEIPT Number: DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a 202504150520005 19 -04/15/2025 STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable) SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. LEAD AGENCY DATE LEAD AGENCY EMAIL CITY OF LOS ANGELES C/O BUREAU JAN.GREEN.REBSTOCK@LACITY.ORG 04/15/2025 OF ENGINEERING COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING DOCUMENT NUMBER I A/CA 2025076175 PROJECT TITLE RESEDA BLVD ALLEY GREEN STREETS (W.O. S33WRBGA / CIP NO. WPD000024) PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL PHONE NUMBER JAN GREEN JAN.GREEN.REBSTOCK@LACITY.ORG PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS STATE CITY **ZIP CODE** 1149 S. BROADWAY 6TH FLOOR, MS 939 LOS ANGELES CA 90015 PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box): ✓ Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity CHECK APPLICABLE FEES: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 0.00 \$4,123.50 \$\_\_\_\_ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) 0.00 \$2,968.75 \$\_ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW 0.00 \$1,401.75 \$\_\_\_\_\_  $\checkmark$ Exempt from fee ✓ Notice of Exemption (attach) CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ 0.00 County documentary handling fee S 75.00 □ Other \$ 0.00 **PAYMENT METHOD:** Cash Credit Check ✓ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** 75.00 \$ AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE SIGNATURE Х

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