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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ENCINO RESERVOIR FLOATING SOLAR PILOT PROJECT

Date: December 04, 2025

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Encino Reservoir Floating Solar Pilot Project

This Notice of Intent (NOI) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15073 to notify agencies, interested parties, and members of the public that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to CEQA for the proposed Encino Reservoir Floating Solar Pilot Project (Proposed Project). The IS/MND is available for public review and comment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Proposed Project constructs a 5-megawatt (MW), 10-acre floating solar panel array that would be located on the southwest portion of Encino Reservoir. An approximately 4,000 square-foot 30-kilowatt (kW), ground-mount photovoltaic system would also be installed in the southwest area of the reservoir property. All associated electrical components including inverters, transformers, and switchgear would be located adjacent to the ground-mount system. All electrical equipment would interconnect to the existing 34.5- kilovolt (kV) above ground distribution line within the Encino Reservoir property. In addition to the solar components as discussed above, a 5-MW, 20-megawatt hours (MWh) iron-flow battery energy storage system would be installed on an approximately 6,500 square-foot area north of the reservoir.

The Proposed Project is to help meet renewable energy goals set by the State of California and the City of Los Angeles (City) to reduce reliance on carbon-based energy sources. The Proposed Project is estimated to generate approximately 10,280 MWh of clean, renewable energy annually. The energy produced would be enough to serve approximately 2,677 homes per year, thereby offsetting 2,854 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, the equivalent of eliminating 671 cars from the road per year. The primary purpose of the Proposed Project is to determine the viability of floating solar as a technology that can provide opportunities for additional renewable energy generation within the LADWP system, especially within the in-basin area.

Project construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2026 and is anticipated to conclude in Summer 2027.

PROJECT LOCATION
The Proposed Project site is located within the Encino Reservoir property at 4500 Encino Avenue in the Encino neighborhood of the City. The Encino Reservoir property is approximately 960 acres and owned and operated by LADWP. The property is closed to the public. Within the property is the approximately 130-acre reservoir, encircled by a paved perimeter access road.

The Encino Reservoir property is generally bound by the Santa Monica Mountains to the south and single-family residences to the north, west, and east. The property is located in the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan Area of the City, has a General Plan land use designation of OS (Open Space), and is zoned OS-1XL (Open Space). The Proposed Project facilities are located within the interior of the property. The main gate for Encino Reservoir is located at the north end of the property, reached via Encino Avenue. Regional access is provided via Ventura Boulevard and U.S. Route 101.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
A 40-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on December 04, 2025 and conclude on January 13, 2026. Please ensure that comments are postmarked or emailed on or before January 13, 2026.

The IS/MND is available for review at the location listed below (please call number below to arrange viewing) and may be accessed electronically and/or downloaded at the following website https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices or by QR code:

Please direct your comments or questions to the following:

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All comment letters or emails received related to the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices.The Board hearing will be held in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. You may access Board agendas at https://www.ladwpcommission.com to check on scheduled items or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

Please note, LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Jane Hauptman

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Enclosure
c: Mr. David Norris



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Proposed Project Components