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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Date: November 6, 2026

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the Trunk Line Replacement Program

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082 to notify agencies, interested parties, and members of the public that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as the lead agency, will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to CEQA for the proposed Trunk Line Replacement Program (Proposed Program).

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, a PEIR is an Environmental Impact Report, which may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related either geographically, as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions, in connection with issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program, or as individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects which can be mitigated in similar ways. The PEIR will include project-level analyses for well-defined components of the Proposed Program along with program-level analyses for future anticipated projects where the specific project details are not yet known. This programmatic approach will better inform agencies and interested parties about the overall environmental considerations of the Proposed Program.

The PEIR will evaluate the broad, policy-level, and long-term environmental implications of the Proposed Program, recognizing that subsequent site-specific actions may require additional CEQA review. PEIR will be used, as appropriate, when specific future projects are known pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15168(c) (use of a program EIR with activities), 15152 (tiering), 15162-15164 (subsequent or supplemental CEQA documentation and addenda), and/or other sections of the CEQA Guidelines that provide for streamlined environmental review.

LADWP is requesting input from interested members of the public and agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be included in the PEIR. As outlined below, a description of the Program and preliminary determination of the environmental resource factors to be addressed in the PEIR are included below.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

LADWP has been supplying water to the City of Los Angeles (City) since 1902 and has grown into the nation's second largest municipal water utility. LADWP serves an average of 450 million gallons of water per day to more than 4 million residents, businesses, and visitors, and supports the vitality and sustainability of the City by providing customers and the communities it serves with reliable, high-quality, and competitively priced water services in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Primary sources of surface water for the LADWP service areas are the Los Angeles Aqueducts, State Water Project (supplied by Metropolitan Water District [MWD]), and the Colorado River Aqueduct (supplied by MWD). Additional sources include local groundwater and recycled water. LADWP's highly developed water system transports water from these sources to designated treatment facilities, and then through the distribution system to reach customers throughout the Los Angeles region.

To improve reliability and safeguard water for the City, LADWP has an ongoing Water System Capital Improvements Program, and is continually investing in the replacement and improvement of water system infrastructure, such as trunk lines, mainlines, meters, and service lines, and other water-related facilities. The Proposed Program to be considered in the PEIR focuses specifically on trunk lines and associated pipeline connections, which deliver large amounts of water throughout the City. A large portion of the trunk lines are over 100 years old and are reaching the end of their service life, potentially compromising the integrity of the overall distribution system. The proposed program aims to replace all compromised trunk lines and appurtenant devices to decrease the likelihood of significant breaks, associated costs with repairs and property damage, and public safety hazards.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LADWP proposes to modernize the potable water distribution system by replacing all aging and deteriorated pipelines that are part of the City's regional trunk line system. The Proposed Program aims to replace, as necessary, trunk lines and connections with the appropriate pipe material and size and upgrade appurtenances to ensure safety, reliability, and redundancy of the system. Using data and field assessments, LADWP strategically prioritizes the replacement of aging infrastructure and chooses the trunk line alignments based on numerous factors. The Proposed Program aims to ensure continued safe and reliable transportation and distribution of potable water to its customers throughout the City for residential, industrial, and firefighting purposes. Under the Proposed Program, six trunk line replacement projects have been identified as

priority projects. The Proposed Program is expected to be implemented through the planning horizon year 2056, with the six priority projects occurring in the near term (within the next 10 years).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Trunk lines are a major component of the LADWP's water distribution system; they deliver and redistribute large amounts of water through the City to ensure a reliable supply is available for potable uses and firefighting. Due to their age and material, many trunk lines are due for full or partial replacement. Moreover, some trunk lines are located in seismically active areas and require new pipelines made of earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe that can accommodate seismic loads created by ground displacement from an earthquake. In addition to the trunk lines, distribution main lines and various appurtenances, such as valves, meters, and maintenance holes, would be installed or replaced as required to support operation and maintenance of trunk lines. All of the projects implemented under the Proposed Program would be classified as replacements for existing trunk lines and not as new trunk line installations. The Proposed Program would accelerate the replacement of high-risk trunk lines, avoid major pipeline breaks, and minimize service downtime. The Proposed Program metrics include miles of trunk line that are installed per year, number of active construction projects per year, and the number of trunk line crews available.

The primary components of the Proposed Program include trunk line and mainline replacements with appropriate pipe material for each project; installation and/or replacements of service lateral connections to customer pipe water systems; and installation of appurtenances, as required.

Based on prioritization factors, LADWP has identified six trunk line replacement projects under the Proposed Program that are anticipated to be implemented in the near term. The six priority projects are described below:

- **Alameda Feeder No. 2 Project:** The Alameda Trunk Line, originally built in the 1950s, is located in Los Angeles (Wilmington) and Carson. The Alameda Feeder No. 2 Project would install approximately 14,800 feet of 24-inch trunk line, as well as appurtenant devices, including maintenance holes, valves, blow-offs, flow meters, vaults, and connections to hydrants.
- **Effie-Sunset Trunk Line Replacement Project:** The Effie-Sunset Trunk Line, originally built between 1925 and 1930, is located in Los Angeles (Downtown, Echo Park, Silver Lake, and Los Feliz). The project would install approximately 20,120 feet of 30-inch trunkline and 23,700 feet of 12-inch distribution mainline. The project would also involve installation of appurtenant valves at intersections along the alignment.

- **Franklin Baldwin Trunk Line Unit 1 & Baldwin Outlet Trunk Line Unit 1 Replacement Project :** The Franklin Baldwin Trunk Line Unit 1 & Baldwin Outlet Trunk Line Unit 1 Replacement Projects are collectively called the “Baldwin Trunk Line Replacement Project”. The Baldwin Trunk Line was originally built in 1950 and are located in Los Angeles (Baldwin Hills), Ladera Heights, and Windsor Hills. The project would install approximately 9,000 feet of 60- to 66-inch trunk line and a portion of the 58- to 67-inch La Brea Regulator Station inlet/outlet lines. The project would also involve installation of appurtenant devices, including maintenance holes, blow-offs, valves, and replacement of the butt-strap joint between the intersections of La Brea Avenue and Stocker Street and La Brea Avenue and Slauson Avenue

- **Hayvenhurst Trunk Line Replacement (TLR) Unit 1 Project:** The Hayvenhurst Trunk Line, originally built between 1916 and 1959, is located in Los Angeles (Granada Hills). The project would install approximately 16,150 feet of 60-inch trunk line. The project would also involve installation of appurtenant devices, including maintenance holes, valves, and blow-offs

- **Stone Canyon & Sunset West TLR Unit 2 Project:** The replacement of Stone Canyon Reservoir Bypass, Somma Trunk Line, Westgate Sunset Trunk Line, and Westgate Trunk Line are collectively called the “Stone Canyon & Sunset West Trunk Line Replacement Unit 2 Project.” Stone Canyon & Sunset West Trunk Line, originally built between 1928 and 1989, are located in Los Angeles (Bel Air, Westwood, and Brentwood) and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The project would install approximately 38,434 feet of 24- to 48-inch trunk line.

- **Sunset TLR Project:** The Sunset Trunk Line, originally built in the 1950s, is located in Los Angeles (East Hollywood, Hollywood, and Hollywood Hills West), West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills. The project involves installing approximately 32,627 feet of 24- to 36-inch trunk line, 1,400 feet of 16-inch mainline, and a new regulator station.

PROGRAM LOCATION

The Proposed Program would be located in the LADWP in-basin area, which encompasses the City and portions of Los Angeles County near the City’s borders. The LADWP water distribution system is divided into the following five primary service areas (“districts”): West Valley, East Valley, Central, Western, and Harbor. Existing water distribution system infrastructure, including 547 miles of trunk lines, 6,794 miles of

mainlines, 86 pump stations, and 348 pressure regulator and relief stations, are located throughout the five districts. LADWP's existing trunk line system and any subsequent trunk line replacements generally fall within the public right-of-way, beneath the pavement of public streets.

Figure 1 shows the project locations for the priority TLR projects under the proposed program. The districts and locations of the six priority projects are listed below:

Project	District	Location
Alameda Feeder No. 2	Harbor	Wilmington; City of Carson
Baldwin TLR	Western	Baldwin Hills; Cities of Ladera Heights and Windsor Hills
Effie-Sunset TLR	Central	Downtown, Echo Park, Silver Lake, Los Feliz
Hayvenhurst TLR - Unit 1	West Valley	Granada Hills
Stone Canyon and Sunset West TLR - Unit 2	Western	Bel Air, Westwood, Brentwood; unincorporated Los Angeles County
Sunset TLR	Western, Central	East Hollywood, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills West; Cities of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, an Initial Study has been completed, and LADWP has determined that the Proposed Program may create potentially significant impacts related to various environmental factors considered under CEQA. Therefore, a PEIR will be prepared for the TLR Program. The potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Program that will be addressed in the PEIR will include, but may not be limited to, the following resource areas:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

LADWP will hold two virtual Public Scoping Meetings to share information regarding the Proposed Program and the environmental review process, and to solicit comments

regarding the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the PEIR. LADWP encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend a meeting. The dates, times and details for the virtual Public Scoping Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday November 17, 2026 11:00 AM	**Tuesday** December 1, 2026 6:00 PM

Format: Virtual via Zoom (scan QR code to register)
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Webinar ID: 882 4141 5532
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PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

LADWP invites comments on the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be included in the PEIR in connection with the proposed program. The public comment period for this NOP and review of the Initial Study will commence on **November 6, 2026**, and conclude on **December 11, 2026**. Please ensure that comments are postmarked or emailed on or before **December 11, 2026**.

The NOP and Initial Study are available for review and can be accessed electronically and/or downloaded at the following website: LADWP.com/CEQA under Current Projects Undergoing Environmental Review.

A physical copy of the NOP and Initial Study are available upon request at:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Corporate Environmental Affairs
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Please direct your comments or questions to the following:

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Please include your name and return address so that you can be added to the Program mailing list for future notifications. Written comments can be submitted via email or hard copy by the methods described above.

Please note, the City'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 the City withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish the City 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. The City will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Additional information regarding the Trunk Line Replacement Program can be found at LADWP.com/TrunkLineProgram.

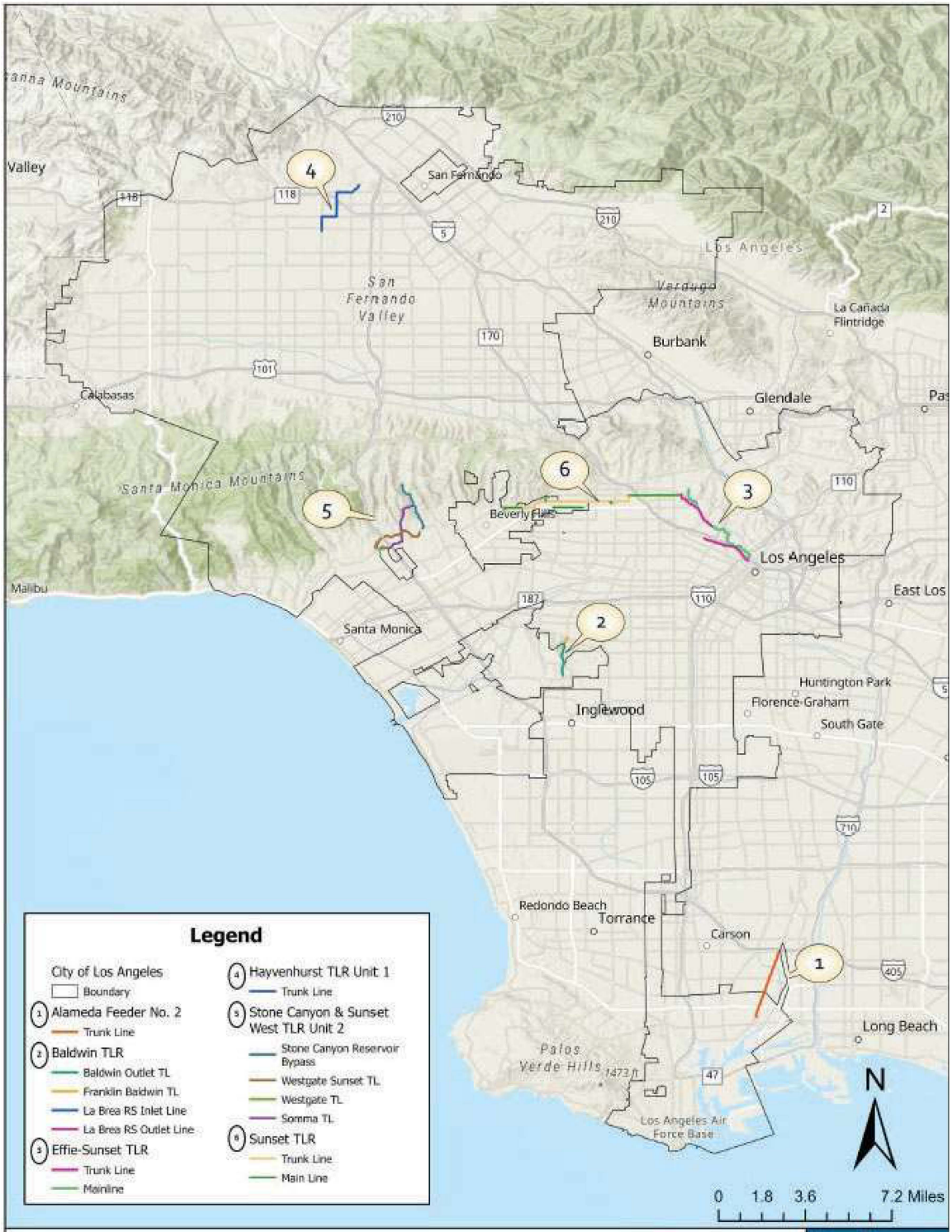
Sincerely,

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Priority Trunk Line Replacement Projects

Figure 1