



JAMES K. HAHN
Mayor

Commission
DOMINICK W. RUBALCAVA, *President*
LELAND WONG, *Vice President*
ANNIE E. CHO
GERARD McCALLUM II
SID C. STOLPER
SUSAN C. PARKS, *Secretary*

DAVID H. WIGGS, *General Manager*
FRANK SALAS, *Chief Administrative Officer*

April 16, 2004

TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Pine Tree Wind Development Project
Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) wishes to inform you that it will be the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Pine Tree Wind Development Project. The proposed project, which was the subject of two community meetings last year, involves the construction of 80, 1.5-megawatt (MW) wind turbine generators, several meteorological towers, an electrical collection system, a substation, a transmission line to connect with the regional electrical grid, an operations and maintenance (O & M) building, and access roads. The project is being undertaken to increase the amount of electrical power that is produced using clean and renewable energy sources and to help meet overall demand for electrical power in the Southern California area.

Since the proposed project also affects lands under jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is also required. LADWP, as the CEQA lead agency, and BLM, as the NEPA lead agency, are cooperating to prepare one environmental document for the proposed project that satisfies both Acts.

During the CEQA and NEPA process, there will be several opportunities for the public to review project plans and provide input regarding the project's potential environmental effects. These opportunities will include Community meetings (May/June 2004) to discuss project plans and potential environmental issues, issuance of draft environmental documents for public review and comment (Fall 2004), and project public hearings (February 2005) held in conjunction with lead

Water and Power Conservation ... a way of life

111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles, California Mailing address: Box 51111, Los Angeles 90051-0100
Telephone: (213) 367-4211 Cable address: DEWAPOLA



April 16, 2004
Page 2

agency decisions on the project. Since you are on our contact list, you will be notified by mail regarding the schedule of these events.

LADWP recently issued a CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP) that included a description of the project and an Initial Study evaluation of the potential project issues. The NOP, Project Description, and Initial Study are available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
Attn: Charles Holloway
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
By Fax: 213 367-4710

Kern County Planning Department
2700 "M" Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

City of Tehachapi
Community Development
115 South Robinson Avenue
Tehachapi, CA 93561

City of Ridgecrest
Community Development
100 W. California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

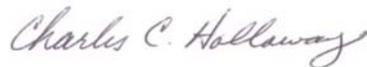
Bureau of Land Management
Ridgecrest Field Office
300 S. Richmond Road
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
Mojave Field Station
17031 Highway 14
Mojave, CA 93502

The documents may also be viewed online via the Internet at the following addresses:
<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>.
<http://www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest>.

If you have comments on the NOP and related documents, please submit them in writing to Charles Holloway at the Los Angeles address of LADWP shown above by May 18, 2004. LADWP appreciates your interest and participation in the environmental review process.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Holloway
Supervisor of Environmental Assessment