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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
SANTA MONICA CANYON AND PALISADES PARK LOW FLOW DIVERSION
UPGRADES AND COASTAL INTERCEPTOR RELIEF SEWER (CIRS) PROJECT
(W.O. EW40026A and EW40027A)**

- State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#): Pending Assignment by OPR –

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Project Description: The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing to upgrade two existing low flow diversions (LFDs) and to construct a 4,500-foot long relief sewer within the Community of Pacific Palisades and the northern limits of the City of Santa Monica. Low flow diversion systems divert dry-weather flows from the storm drain system to the sanitary sewer, where the runoff is treated before being discharged into the ocean. The project will help the City meet winter dry-weather bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for the Santa Monica Bay. The Pacific Palisades LFD would be upgraded at its current location and a new LFD system would be installed near the mouth of the Santa Monica Canyon Channel. The existing Santa Monica Canyon LFD would be left in place for redundancy and system reliability. Construction of the Santa Monica Canyon LFD would be a joint effort between the City and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The LACFCD would install an air-inflatable 6-foot high by 40-foot wide rubber dam in the Santa Monica Canyon Channel and an adjacent control building (approximately 10 feet by 10 feet) housing the rubber dam's air compressor and control panel. The CIRS would extend from its upstream end at the existing Palisades Park LFD downstream southeasterly, across the City of Los Angeles border, connecting to the existing sewer in the City of Santa Monica. The relief sewer will accommodate additional flows. The CIRS would consist of approximately 4,500 total lineal feet of pipe of varying diameters (30, 36, 42, and 48-inch). Roughly 1,400 lineal feet of the alignment would be located within Will Rogers Parking Lot 2 East and Parking Lot 1 and the remaining portion would lie within Pacific Coast Highway right-of-way. Construction within Pacific Coast Highway would require nighttime construction and partial lane closures. Mitigation measures have been included to ensure that any impacts are reduced to a less than significant level.

This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The Initial Study is attached or is available for review at Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, (310) 459-2754. A copy of the Initial Study may also be obtained by contacting Maria Martin of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5753 and can also be accessed online at http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm.

The 30-day public review period starts August 14 and ends September 12, 2008. **Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. September 12, 2008, by email to Maria.Martin@lacity.org, or by mail to:**

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Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
Attention: Maria Martin, Environmental Supervisor
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Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213



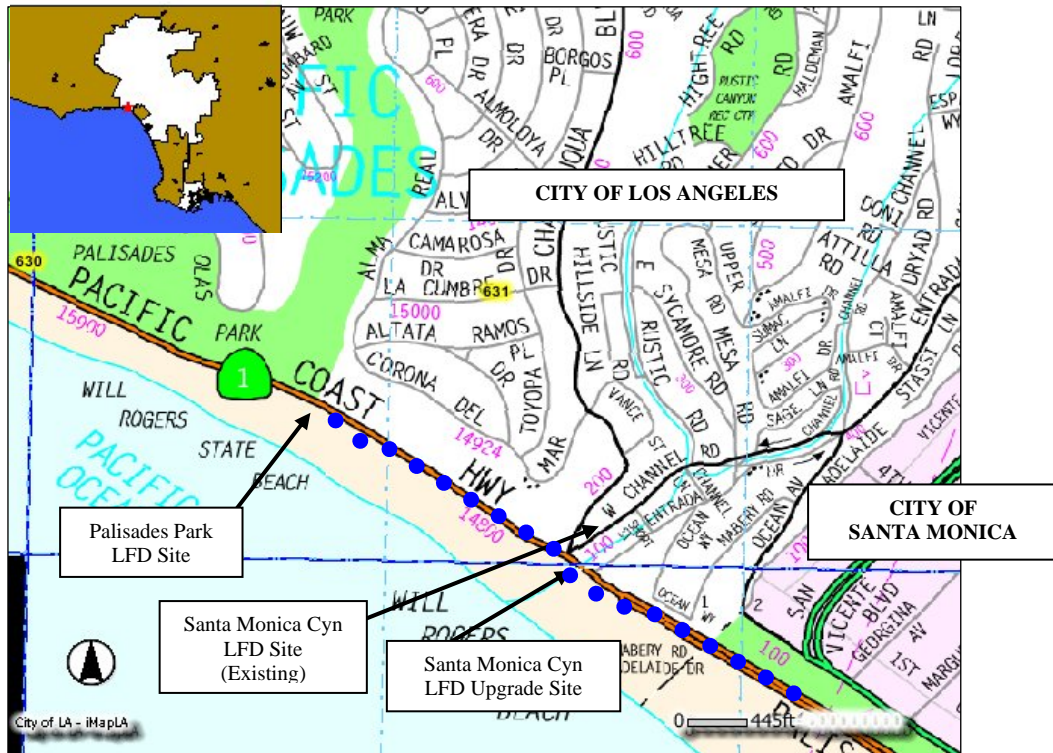


Figure 1: Project Location



Figure 2: Aerial overview