

APPENDIX B

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION / INITIAL STUDY
COMMENT LETTERS AND
RESPONSES TO THE COMMENTS**

COMMENT LETTER 1

THE MCGRAW - HILL COMPANIES

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The McGraw-Hill Companies

DATE: NOV 3, 2000

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TO: DARREN W. STROUD
OFFICE OF PLANNING

FAX: 909/909/396-3321

FROM: GARY CORNELL

RE: DWP THREE GENERATING STATIONS

MEMO

LIKE TO GET FROM YOU A TIMETABLE REGARDING THE NOV 3rd COMMENTS ON THE
THREE DWP GENERATING STATIONS ETR REPORT. timetable as to action at you
end. Evaluation/review when you anticipate getting back to DWP for
any corrections & etc. You can get back to me at the above numbers.

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Thank you.

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COMMENT LETTER 1: THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES

Response 1-1: The close of the comment period for the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) was November 3, 2000. The release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which includes the commentor's comments as well as all other commentors' comments, marks the period of time that it took the SCAQMD to respond to comments received on the NOP/IS as well as finalize the Draft EIR. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the project proponent, has provided input on the particulars of the project since the initiation of the CEQA process.

COMMENT LETTER 2

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA-
THE RESOURCES AGENCY,
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION,
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL
RESOURCES**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA – THE RESOURCES AGENCY

GRAY DAVIS, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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October 30, 2000

Mr. Darren W. Stroud
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Electrical Generation Stations Modifications, County of Los Angeles SCH #2000101008

Dear Mr. Stroud:

The Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (Division) has reviewed the referenced project. The Division supervises the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas and geothermal wells in California. We offer the following comments on this project.

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Although the proposed project is located within the administrative boundaries of an oil and gas field, there are no oil, gas, or injection wells within the project boundaries. However, if excavation or grading operations uncover a previously unrecorded well, the Division district office in Cypress must be notified; previously unrecorded wells may require remedial operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation. If you have questions, please contact David Sanchez at the Cypress district office: 5816 Corporate Avenue, Suite 200, Cypress, CA 90630-4731; or, phone (714) 816-6847.


Jason Marshall
Assistant Director

cc: David Sanchez
Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, Cypress
Linda Campion
Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, Sacramento

**COMMENT LETTER 2: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION,
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (DIVISION)**

Response 2-1: The project proponent, the LADWP, is aware that some of the project sites (e.g., Harbor Generating Station) are situated in areas of former oil and gas fields. However, the LADWP will fully comply with the Divisions reporting and excavation requirements if it encounters unrecorded wells during excavation and grading project-related activities. It should be noted that since LADWP will not be excavating or grading to significant depths below ground encountering unrecorded wells is unlikely.

COMMENT LETTER 3

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**COMMENT LETTER 3: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)**

Response 3-1: The SCAQMD concurs with SCAG's conclusion that the proposed project is not a regionally significant project. The SCAQMD also acknowledges that SCAG does not have any comments at this time.

Response 3-2: The SCAQMD appreciates SCAG's efforts in notifying various state and local agencies as well as the public of the proposed project.

Response 3-3: For ease of reference, the SCAQMD has included the SCAG clearinghouse number on the cover page of the Draft EIR.

COMMENT LETTER 4

CITY OF ANAHEIM, PLANNING DEPARTMENT



CITY OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Planning Department

October 13, 2000

Darren Stroud
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources
21865 E. Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182

RE: Proposed Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Electrical Generation
Stations Modifications Project

Dear Mr. Stroud:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced document. We have received notice of the documentation and have no comment.

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Please forward any subsequent public notices and/or environmental documents regarding this project to my attention at the address listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 765-5139, extension 5440.

Sincerely,

Lucy N. Yeager
Senior Planner

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**COMMENT LETTER 4: CITY OF ANAHEIM, PLANNING
DEPARTMENT**

Response 4-1: The SCAQMD acknowledges that the commentor does not have any comments at this time. The SCAQMD has noted the contact of the commentor and will forward the Draft EIR as well as any other CEQA documents associated with the project to this individual.

COMMENT LETTER 5

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Gray Davis, Governor

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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October 6, 2000

Darren W. Stroud
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

RE: SCH # 20000101008 - Proposed Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Electrical Generation Stations Modifications Project

Dear Mr. Stroud:

The Native American Heritage Commission has reviewed the above mentioned NOP. To adequately assess the project-related impact on archaeological resources, the Commission recommends the following action be required:

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1. Contact the appropriate Information Center for a records search. The record search will determine:
 - Whether a part or all of the project area has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - Whether any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the project area.
 - Whether the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located within the project area.
 - Whether a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

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2. The final stage of the archaeological inventory survey is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - Required the report containing site significance and mitigation be submitted immediately to the planning department.
 - Required site forms and final written report be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the Information Center.

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3. Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check.
 - A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site and assist in the mitigation measures.

5-4

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should include provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). Health and Safety Code §7050.5 and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery and should be included in all environmental documents. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

Rob Wood
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

CC: State Clearinghouse

COMMENT LETTER 5: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Response 5-1: As discussed in Section 4.4.1 of the Draft EIR, record searches for the three project sites (Scattergood Generating Station, Valley Generating Station and Harbor Generating Station) were conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC). The SCCIC did not identify prehistoric or historic archaeological sites within a one-quarter mile radius of the three project sites.

Response 5-2: Refer to Section 4.4.1 of the Draft EIR for reference to the professional report detailing the findings of the SCCIC and Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) database searches and site surveys.

Response 5-3: A Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) sacred lands files was conducted for the three project sites. As stated in Section 4.4.1 of the Draft EIR, the NAHC sacred lands records did not identify cultural resources within or adjacent to the three project sites.

Response 5-4: Provisions for the accidental discovery of archeological resources were included in the Draft EIR in Section 4.4.3.

COMMENT LETTER 6

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
RESEARCH STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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Received by JWS
on 10/10/00



Gray Davis
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse



Steve Nissen
ACTING DIRECTOR

Notice of Preparation

October 2, 2000

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Proposed Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Electrical Generation Stations Modifications Project
SCH# 2000101008

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Proposed Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Electrical Generation Stations Modifications Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

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Please direct your comments to:

Darren W. Stroud
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

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**COMMENT LETTER 6: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
RESEARCH STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
(SCH)**

Response 6-1: The SCAQMD appreciates the SCH's efforts in notifying various state and local agencies of the proposed project. For ease of reference, the SCAQMD has included the SCH number on the cover page of the Draft EIR.