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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE OF INTENT
FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
THE LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN**

Date: March 30, 2006

To: Interested Persons

The City of Los Angeles (City) will be the Lead Agency along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP). The purpose of this project is to improve the general environment of the Los Angeles River by improving natural habitat, economic values, water quality, recreation, and open space. The study area includes several locations where the potential exists for restoring a more natural riverine environment along the Los Angeles River, while maintaining and improving levels of flood protection. Creation of treatment wetlands in and around the river, to treat effluent river flows and to restore missing linkages of fragmented habitat, would also be pursued. Restored areas would provide natural riparian habitat to support indigenous wildlife and avifauna along a corridor transecting most of the San Fernando Valley, and extending into downtown Los Angeles. Other purposes include provision of public access to the river, identification of incidental recreation space, delineation of trails, and the reinvestment in the urban system that results in economic growth.

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. We also need to know the views and concerns of interested organizations and persons in order to properly analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed project include aesthetic, air quality, noise, and traffic impacts and impacts to cultural resources.

An analysis of these potential environmental impacts and other potential impacts that could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level is provided in an Initial Study checklist, which is attached or can be reviewed at the following: Central Library, 630 West Fifth Street; Atwater Village Library, 3379 Glendale Blvd, and the North Hollywood Regional Library, 5211 Tujunga Avenue; or online at www.lariver.org

A scoping meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Media Center located at 2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to: Dr. Ara Kasparian
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