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## **Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Figueroa Property Remediation and Park (Proposed Project) (SCH No.: 2021070519)**

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the above-mentioned document. The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. Based on the MND, the Proposed Project includes development of cleanup actions to excavate, transport, and dispose approximately 2,600 cubic yards of soil contaminated with lead and hydrocarbons, and import and backfill 5,850 cubic yards of clean soil for future park uses on 0.5 acres. The Proposed Project is located at 5800 South Figueroa Street on the southeast corner of Figueroa Street and West 58<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Los Angeles.

Lead is among the applicable toxic air contaminants listed in South Coast AQMD Rule 1466 – Control of Particulate Emissions from Soils with Toxic Air Contaminants<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, it is recommended that the Final MND include clarifications on if LADWP, or other agencies listed in Rule 1466(b), have designated, or plan to designate, the Proposed Project site for the contaminant listed as a concern. If the site is so designated and thus subject to the South Coast AQMD 1466 requirements, it is recommended that applicable Rule 1466 requirements be incorporated in the Final MND. More information on Rule 1466 requirements is available on the South Coast AQMD's website<sup>2</sup>.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide South Coast AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, responses should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful, informative, or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project.

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<sup>1</sup> South Coast AQMD Rule 1466. Accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xiv/rule-1466.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> South Coast AQMD. Compliance. Rule 1466. Accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/rule-1466>.

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If you have any questions or wish to discuss the comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Tsumura, Air Quality Specialist, at [stsumura@aqmd.gov](mailto:stsumura@aqmd.gov). Questions on South Coast AQMD Rule 1466 can be directed to [Rule1466@aqmd.gov](mailto:Rule1466@aqmd.gov).

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