

LADWP Launches Public Dialogue to Receive Input on 2011 Water and Power Rates Process

Seven Regional Community Collaboration Sessions Slated for June 15-27

LOS ANGELES — Facing an unprecedented transformation in the water and power industry, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will hold a series of community meetings throughout the city to gather public input on future water and electricity rates, revenue needs, spending priorities and strategic investments.

LADWP General Manager Ronald O. Nichols announced the seven regional Community Collaboration Sessions in the San Fernando Valley, East Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, and the Harbor area beginning June 15th at Valley City Hall. A summary session to share findings from the sessions is scheduled for July 20 at LADWP's downtown headquarters. Additional meetings, online webinars, and other sessions will be held over the course of the next two months to gather more input.

The announcement followed Nichols' presentation on the Department's challenges, financial outlook, priorities and policies Saturday, June 4th to nearly 200 customers and stakeholders at a hearing of the Los Angeles City Council Energy and Environment Committee together with the five members of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners held at City Hall.

"On behalf of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, I invite any and all customers concerned about the future of water and power in our City to attend these meetings to learn about the serious challenges facing the department, and provide input that will be considered by the Board prior to making any decision about future water and power rates," said Thomas S. Sayles, President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. "We want to provide clear information on our costs, respond to questions and concerns and gather input that will be considered during the rates development process, well before any decision making begins."

"Changes occurring to the water and power industry globally, nationally, and in the state of California, are unrivaled since the Industrial Revolution and LADWP is at the epicenter of this change. During the collaboration sessions, we will share with our customers the challenges we face, the basic costs to keep providing reliable and safe water and power, and present options and get input on strategic investments that will strengthen reliability and reduce impacts on the environment," Mr. Nichols said.

Among the biggest challenges facing the LADWP are new legal requirements and an aging infrastructure that must be replaced to maintain reliable water and electric service.

During the community input sessions, participants will have the opportunity to break into small groups, led by independent facilitators, to learn more about the legal mandates, policies and other basic costs as well as strategic investments being considered and what they would cost.

Following are the dates and locations of the Community Collaboration sessions:

- **East San Fernando Valley:**
 Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Marvin Braude Constituent Center (Van Nuys City Hall)
 14410 Sylvan Street
 Van Nuys 91402
- **West San Fernando Valley:**
 Thursday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Holiday Inn – Warner Center
 21101 Ventura Boulevard
 Woodland Hills 91364
- **North San Fernando Valley:**
 Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles Mission College
 13356 Eldridge Avenue
 Sylmar 91342
- **East Los Angeles:**
 Monday, June 20, 2011, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center
 1600 E. 4th Street
 Los Angeles 90033
- **South Los Angeles:**
 Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 California African American Museum-Exposition Park
 600 State Drive
 Los Angeles 90037
- **West Los Angeles:**
 Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Stephen S. Wise Temple
 15500 Stephen S. Wise Drive
 Los Angeles 90077
- **Port of Los Angeles:**
 Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor
 601 S. Palos Verdes Street
 San Pedro 90731
- **Summary Session- Downtown Los Angeles:**
 Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 – 9 p.m.
 LADWP Headquarters, A-Level
 111 N. Hope Street

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