

## DAILY NEWS

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### City seeks input on DWP auditor

City officials are seeking input from neighborhood councils on the job description for an independent contractor who will be hired to study the Department of Water and Power's finances to help the city determine whether to hike rates.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on Thursday distributed the description of the work the city expects from the contractor. Neighborhood councils have until Sept. 14 to respond.

The contractor will be expected to review the DWP's current budget while projecting future revenues and expenditures, as well as comparing the DWP's costs and rates with other utilities. The contract will also call for consideration of alternatives to rate increases.

The description of the contractor's work is available at [www.LACityNeighborhoods.com](http://www.LACityNeighborhoods.com).