# I. INTRODUCTION

The Wilshire Comstock project (the "proposed project") consists of developing the project site with no more than 35 condominium units (with accessory housekeeping space) pursuant to a previous Tentative Tract Map (TTM) approval granted in 1979 and recorded on October 31, 1979. The project site includes approximately 0.57 acre of land and is located at 1200 South Club View Drive in the City of Los Angeles.

Prior to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) on the Draft EIR the City Planning Department issued a Conditional Negative Declaration (CND) on June 29, 1977, and a Final Tract Map was recorded on October 31, 1979. The approved project was never constructed. In June 2003 the applicant moved forward with the same project with the circulation of an Addendum to the CND. Based on various discussions with the City Planning Department, it was determined that an Addendum to the CND, which was circulated, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(b) would be correct During the circulation of the Addendum the Lead Agency and the applicant were approach. considering options (in response to the comments received on the Addendum to the CND). The applicant volunteered to prepare an EIR to alleviate the concerns of the community, which the Lead Therefore, in response to the numerous concerns expressed by the Agency was receptive to. community an EIR was prepared and released for public review, which incorporated the environmental issues of concern. On September 9, 2004, the City issued a NOP regarding the preparation of the Draft EIR for the proposed project in order to solicit comments on the proposed content of the Draft EIR (see Appendix B to the Draft EIR). The NOP was circulated for a period of 30 days, until October 8, 2004. All NOP comments relating to the EIR were reviewed and the issues raised in those comments were addressed, to the extent feasible, in the Draft EIR.

On January 13, 2004, the City released the Draft EIR for public comment. The comment period was 61-days, ending on March 14, 2004, which is 16 days longer than the public comment period required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Before approving a project, the CEQA requires the lead agency to prepare and certify a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR). The contents of a Final EIR are specified in Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines, as follows:

The Final EIR shall consist of:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of the Draft.
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the Revised Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary.

(c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Revised Draft EIR.

- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
- (e) Any other information added by the lead agency.

The lead agency must provide each agency that commented on the Draft EIR with a copy of the lead agency's proposed response at least 10 days before certifying the Final EIR.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE FINAL EIR

This document, together with the Draft EIR for the proposed project and the Technical Appendices to the Draft EIR, constitute the "Final EIR" for the proposed project. The Draft EIR consisted of the following:

- The Draft EIR, which included the environmental analysis for the proposed project; and
- Technical Appendices, which included:
  - o Appendix A: Initial Study and Checklist
  - o Appendix B: Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Responses to the NOP
  - o Appendix C: Geotechnical Reports
  - o Appendix D: Traffic Report
  - o Appendix E: Air Quality and Noise Data
  - o Appendix F: DWP "Will Serve" Letter
  - o Appendix G: Hydrology Study

This Final EIR is organized in the following sections:

#### 1) Introduction

This section is intended to provide a brief overview of the CEQA requirements for the proposed project. This section also includes a list of acronyms and abbreviations that were used in the Draft EIR and are used throughout this Final EIR.

#### 2) Summary

This section includes a brief overview of the proposed project, a summary of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures for each environmental issue area covered within the scope of the EIR. This section does not substantially deviate from the Summary section of the Draft EIR, but has been included herein for ease of reference.

#### 3) 3) Corrections and Additions

This section provides a complete overview of the corrections and additions that have been incorporated into the Draft EIR in response to the comments submitted during the public review period.

## 4) Responses to Comments

This section includes detailed responses to the comment letters submitted to the City in response to the Draft EIR. Copies of the original comments letters are included in Appendix A to this Final EIR.

#### 5) Mitigation Monitoring Program

This section includes a list of the required mitigation measures and includes detailed information with respect to the City's policies and procedures for implementation of the recommended mitigation measures. This Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) identifies the monitoring phase, the enforcement phase, and the applicable department or agency that is responsible for ensuring each recommended mitigation measure is implemented.

#### LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following acronyms and abbreviations were used in the Draft EIR and are used throughout this Final EIR.

A1-1XL Agricultural Zone, Height District Extra Limited

Ac Acres

ADT average daily traffic

ANSI American National Standard Institute

AQMP Air Quality Management Plan

ASTM American Society of Testing and Materials

ATCS Adaptive Traffic Signal Control

ATSAC Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control
AVTA Antelope Valley Transportation Authority
BAAQMD Bay Area Air Quality Management District

bgs below ground surface
BMP best management practices

BTEX Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Total Xylenes

CALINE4 4<sup>th</sup> generation line source air model used by CA Department of Transportation

Caltrans California Department of Transportation

CARB California Air Resources Board

CDFG California Department of Fish and Game CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

cfs cubic feet per second

CGS California Geologic Survey
CMA Critical Movement Analysis

CMP Congestion Management Program
CND Conditional Negative Declaration

CND-213-77-SUB Conditional Negative Declaration for a condominium project at 10250 West

Wilshire Boulevard

CNEL Community Noise Equivalent Level

CO carbon monoxide

Community Plan Westwood Community Plan

Corridor Specific Plan Wilshire-Westwood Scenic Corridor Specific Plan

dB decibel

dBA A-weighted decibel

DLRP Division of Land Resource Protection

DRB Design Review Board

du dwelling unit

DWP Department of Water and Power

DWR Department of Water Resources
EIR Environmental Impact Report
EPA Environmental Protection Agency

FHWA-RD-77-108 Federal Highway Administration Highway Noise Prediction Model

FRA Federal Railway Administration
General Plan City of Los Angeles General Plan

gpd gallons per day gpm gallons per minute

H Height

HCS Highway Capacity Software
HOV High Occupancy Vehicle
HTP Hyperion Treatment Plant

HVAC heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ICBO International Conference of Building Officials

ITE Institute of Transportation Engineers

K hydrolic conductivity

LACC Los Angeles Country Club

LADOT Los Angeles Department of Transportation

LADRP Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
LADWP Los Angles Department of Water and Power

LAFD Los Angeles Fire Department
LAMC Los Angeles Municipal Code

LARWQCB Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

LAUSD Los Angeles Unified School District

 $\begin{array}{lll} L_{eq} & & equivalent \ sound \ level \\ L_{max} & & maximum \ sound \ level \\ L_{min} & & minimum \ sound \ level \\ LOS & Level \ of \ Service \end{array}$ 

LRDP Long-Range Development Plan

MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.

MCL Maximum Concentration Level

mgd million gallons per day

min minutes

MMRP Mitigation Monitoring Report Plan
MTA Metropolitan Transportation Authority

MW-1 monitoring well

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

n<sub>e</sub> effective porosity

NGVD National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929

NO Nitric Oxide
NO2 nitrogen dioxide
NOP Notice of Preparation
NOx nitrogen oxides

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

O<sub>3</sub> Ozone

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

 $PM_{10}$  respirable particulate matter  $PM_{2.5}$  fine particulate matter ppm parts per million

PSI pounds per square inch

Q1 pumping well

[Q]PF-1XL Public Facility Zone, Height District Extra Limited

[Q]R5-3 Multiple Dwelling, Height District No. 3 R1-1 One-Family Zone, Height District 1

RCP Reinforced Concrete Pipe

RCPG Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide

RD Reporting District
ROG Reactive Organic Gas
SCAB South Coast Air Basin

SCAG Southern California Association of Governments
SCAOMD South Coast Air Quality Management District

SIP State Implementation Plan

 $SO_2$  sulfur dioxide SOx sulfur oxides  $S_s$  specific storage

SUSMP Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan

TAC Toxic Air Contaminants
TC Time of Concentration
TIA Traffic Impact Assessment

TIMP Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan

TOC top of casing

TTM Tentative Tract Map
UBC Uniform Building Code

UCLA University of California Los Angeles

 $\mu$ g/L micrograms per Liter URBEMIS Urban Emissions Model

USC University of Southern California
USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

VdB vibration decibels

VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled VOC Volatile Organic Compound

VPD vehicles per day