

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: December 14, 2017

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Long-Term Routine Maintenance Activities for Waterways in Inyo and Mono Counties

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Long-Term Routine Maintenance Activities for Waterways in Inyo and Mono Counties. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP is the Lead Agency and is responsible for the preparation of this document.

Project Location: LADWP currently operates and maintains an extensive network of man-made and natural waterways and associated facilities in Mono and Inyo Counties. These waterways extend from the vicinity of Mono Lake in the north to South Haiwee Reservoir in the south. The waterway network maintained by LADWP includes 1,300 miles of unpaved roads, 450 miles of natural waterways, 84 miles of aqueducts, and 111 miles of man-made ditches and canals with several hundred water diversions. LADWP's ongoing activities include water gathering, water distribution, hydroelectric power production, and continuation of other land uses. For water gathering and distribution, LADWP performs routine maintenance and operations of facilities in Mono and Inyo Counties including about 187 flumes and measuring stations, 190 water intake and diversion structures, more than 60 sand traps and sediment basins, and 30 spillgates.

Project Description: LADWP proposes to continue ongoing routine maintenance activities on man-made and natural waterways and associated facilities located in Inyo and Mono Counties in order to maintain such waterways and facilities essential to the continued delivery of water for irrigation and domestic use in Inyo and Mono Counties and the City of Los Angeles. The IS/MND is intended to support the acquisition of permits necessary for the continuation of long-term waterway maintenance activities.

Environmental Effects: The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts on biological resources and cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant are also described in the IS/MND.

Hazardous Waste Disclosure

Per Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the waterways in Inyo and Mono counties where long-term routine maintenance activities are conducted are not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Public Review of the Initial Study: The public review period commences on December 18, 2017 and concludes on January 31, 2018 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the IS/MND is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

LADWP
300 Mandich Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Bishop Library
210 Academy Avenue
Bishop, CA 93514

Lee Vining Library
51710 Highway 395
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Public Comments: During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the IS/MND may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by January 31, 2018. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Mr. Eduardo Cuevas
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may also be emailed to Eduardo.Cuevas@ladwp.com.

The LADWP Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the IS/MND and approval of the project at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 N. Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Cuevas at Eduardo.Cuevas@ladwp.com or (213) 367-6376.

Sincerely,



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