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DATE: May 15, 2015

TO: Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program – Phase 9/10 Project (SCH #2014071057)

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program – Phase 9/10 Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The LADWP is currently implementing the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program (OLDMP) on Owens Lake in order to reduce emissions of particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns in diameter (PM₁₀). The LADWP constructs and operates dust control measures (DCMs) on the lake in compliance with Orders from the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) under the authority of California Health & Safety Code Sec. 42316, legal settlement agreements with GBUAPCD, lease agreements for use of state lands, and other regulatory approvals. The Phase 9/10 Project would expand and modify the existing system of dust control on the lake by installation of Gravel Cover, Managed Vegetation and Shallow Flooding Best Available Control Measures (BACM) on 3.61 square miles of area identified as emissive by GBUAPCD. In addition, approximately 1.82 square miles of existing Shallow Flooding dust control area (DCA) would be transitioned to approximately 0.81 square miles of Gravel Cover and 1.02 square miles of Shallow Flooding to minimize dust while conserving water use on Owens Lake.

PROJECT LOCATION

The 110 square-mile Owens Lake is located in Inyo County, California, approximately 5 miles south of the community of Lone Pine and approximately 61 miles south of the city of Bishop. Owens Lake is bounded by State Route (SR) 136 to the north and east, SR 190 to the south, and U.S. Highway 395 to the west.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Final EIR identifies significant and unmitigable impacts related to cultural resources for the proposed Project. An alternative to the proposed Project, the Avoidance Alternative, has been identified to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. The Project area does not contain any sites on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Final EIR is available for review at the LADWP offices at 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and 300 Mandich Street, Bishop, CA 93514. An electronic version of the Final EIR may be viewed at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>.

BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Water and Power Commissioners meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. Regular meeting agendas are available to the public at least 72 hours before the Board meets. At this time, it is anticipated that the Final EIR will be presented to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners to certify as a complete and adequate analysis of the environmental effects of the Project under CEQA at the June 2, 2015 meeting.

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11:00 am
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, 15th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

More information and verification of the agenda for the June 2, 2015 meeting can be found at www.ladwp.com/board.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard. Written communications may be directed to:

Board of Water and Power Commissioners
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, 15th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For more information please contact Mr. David Porter of the LADWP Environmental Planning and Assessment office at 111 North Hope Street, Room 1050, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via email at: david.porter2@ladwp.com.