

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> N/A
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> McCullough-Victorville Lines 1 and 2 Series Compensation Project	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> N/A
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
 The project is located at the McCullough and Victorville Switching Stations. These switching stations serve as the transmission facilities for the McCullough-Victorville 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines. McCullough Switching Station is located in Searchlight, Nevada. The address for Victorville Switching Station is 17831 National Trails Highway, Victorville, CA 92394.


**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
 The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) currently relies on existing series capacitors with on-going maintenance issues at the McCullough and Victorville Switching Stations. The scope of the project includes demolishing and removing the existing series capacitors and associated equipment, and installing new series capacitors and associated equipment at both switching stations. The circuit breakers at Victorville Switching Station will also be replaced as part of the project. See the attached site overview.

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**EXEMPT STATUS:**  
 CEQA Guidelines Article 19 Categorical Exemption Section 15301 Existing Facilities – Class 1, Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction – Class 2, and Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – Class 3


**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
 In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that the removal, replacement, and installation of series capacitors, circuit breakers, and associated equipment is exempt pursuant to the Categorical Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities. Class 1 includes the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project is also consistent with the Categorical Exemption described in Section 15302, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction. Class 2 consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Also applicable to this project is the Categorical Exemption described in Section 15303, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Class 3 consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE</b>  Charles C. Holloway	<b>TITLE:</b> Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	<b>DATE</b> 08/26/2020	
<b>FEE: \$50.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>	<b>DATE</b>



# McCullough-Victorville Lines 1 & 2 Series Compensation Site Overview

Legend:  = Where construction takes place

