

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 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.

TO: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	TO: Inyo County Clerk P.O. Drawer F Independence, CA 93526
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LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT N/A
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PROJECT TITLE Haiwee Arizona Crossing and Penstock Protection	LOG REFERENCE N/A
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PROJECT LOCATION
 The project location is south of Haiwee Reservoir and east of U.S. 395 in Haiwee, an unincorporated community in Inyo County, California. Specifically, the proposed project be located at the crossing between paved road segments north and south of the Haiwee Creek and also over the Haiwee penstock. (See attached maps for location and aerial plan.)

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
 The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to construct an Arizona crossing (low water crossing) to provide reliable access to Haiwee Power Plant facility and to provide protection the newly installed Haiwee penstock. The Arizona crossing will prevent potential heavy erosion by stormwater flows in the project areas. Maintaining the existing road is critical to the facility since it is an access point for plant personnel and used as security patrol routes. Penstock protection is critical to prevent damage to the penstock.

The proposed project will install articulate concrete blocks (ACB) system on unvegetated dirt to connect the existing paved road segments and also at the existing finish grade of the new underground penstock. All areas to receive the ACB will be compacted and graded smooth to facilitate the installation of the articulated concrete block system. Installation also includes placing filter fabric, layering on crushed aggregate base, setting the concrete block mats on top, and grouting and backfilling openings with crush stones and native soils. The articulated concrete block mats will be installed so that they are flush with the existing ground surface. The estimated area for the ABC installation at the low water crossing is 260' by 14' and for the penstock protection is 90' by 61'.

Construction would occur in summer/fall 2020.

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EXEMPT STATUS:
 CEQA Guidelines Article 19 Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
 In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) it has been determined that the proposed project, which places ACB to create low water crossing and protection of the Haiwee Penstock, is exempted pursuant to the Class 1 Categorical Exemption describe in Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, mechanical or minor alterations of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE Charles C. Holloway <i>Nancy Chung</i> for	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE 8/14/2020
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Haiwee Creek Arizona Crossing

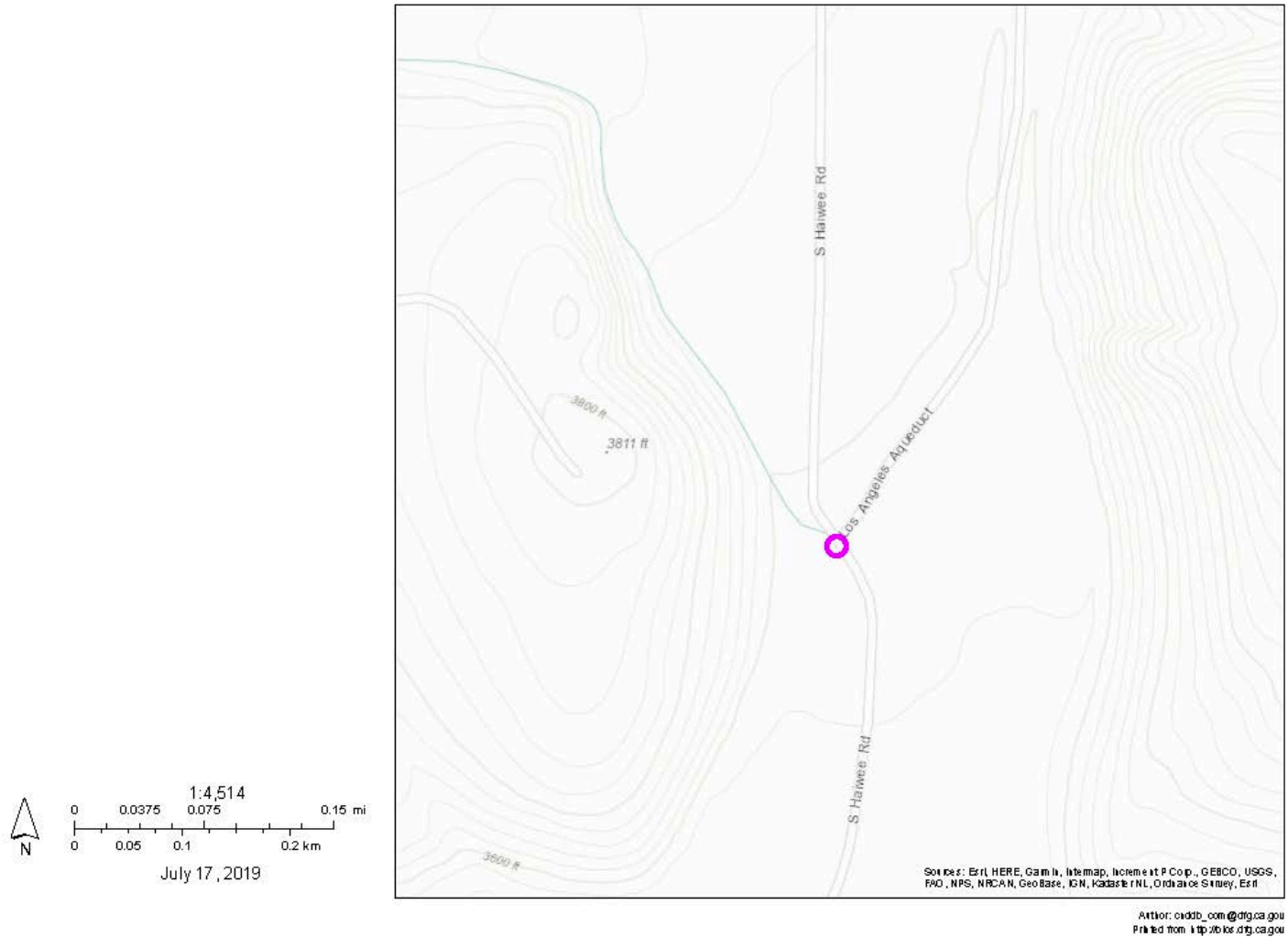


Figure 2. Project Location Map- Close-Up

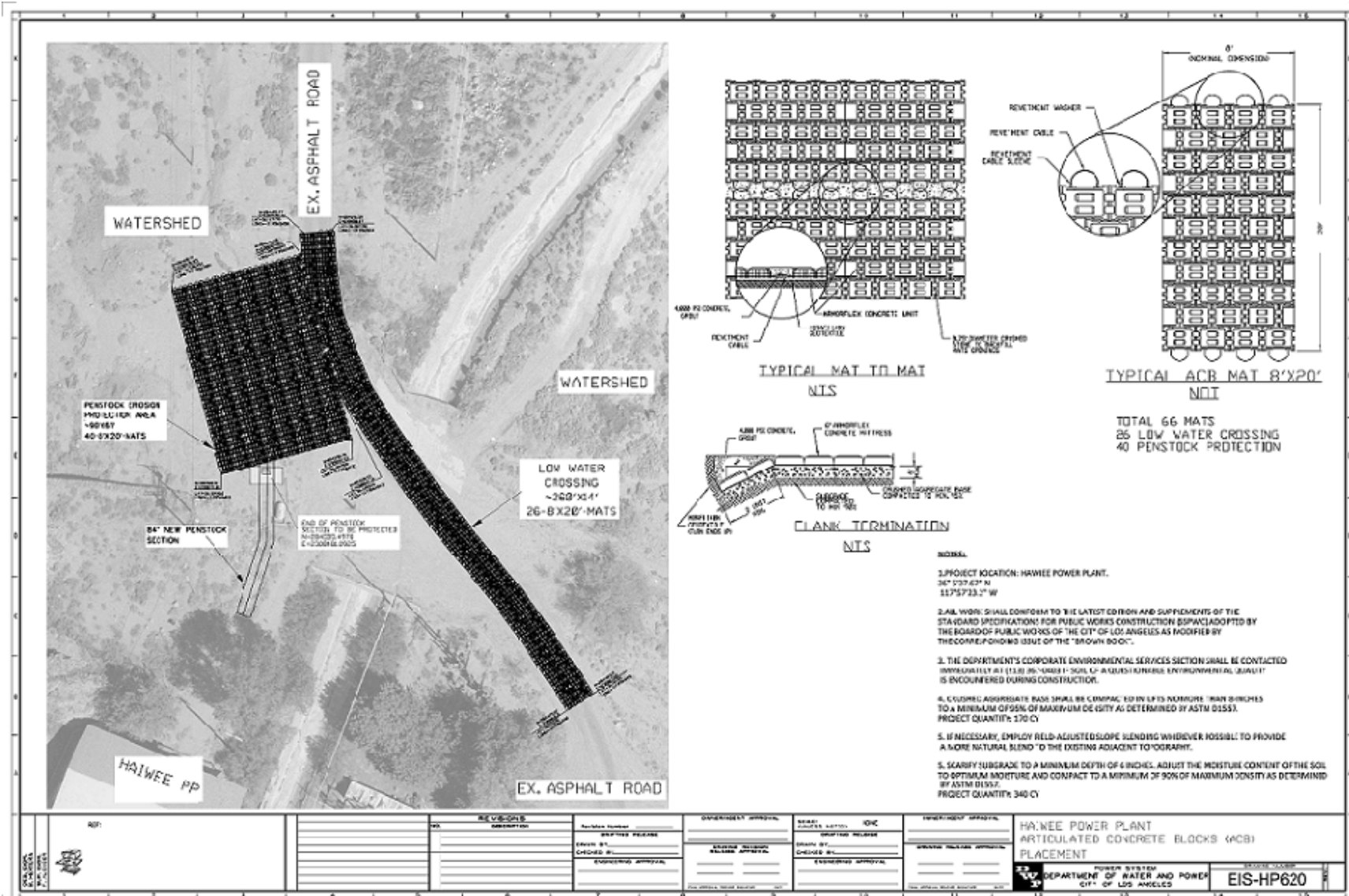


Figure 3. Project Schematic on an Aerial Photo