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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: March 26, 2013

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Owens Lake Solar Demonstration Project

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared an Initial Study for the Owens Lake Solar Demonstration Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, LADWP intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). LADWP is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project.

Project Location: The project site is a 5.3-acre parcel located within the 2.03-square-mile Phase 8 dust mitigation area located in the northwest section of the 110-square-mile dry Owens Lake, in Inyo County, California. The Solar Demonstration site is located on the Lone Pine 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle and the latitude/longitude of the approximate center of the area is 36.53611°N/-117.993051°W (North American Datum 1983 UTM Zone 11N).

Project Description: The Solar Demonstration Project would generate approximately 500 kW of electricity through the use of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays. Solar PV panels would be installed in rows on an aluminum framework that would be attached to one of three types of foundations, two with concrete block ballasts and one with pile driven piers. The project would assist LADWP in meeting its renewable energy portfolio standards as well as provide data on the feasibility of additional solar facilities on Owens Lake.

Environmental Effects: The Initial Study describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project on biological and cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Other effects found to be beneficial and less than significant are also described in the Initial Study.

Hazardous Waste Disclosure

Per Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

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Public Review of the Initial Study: The public review period commences on March 28, 2013, and concludes on April 29, 2013, at 5:00 pm. A copy of the Initial Study will be posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at LADWP offices in Los Angeles (111 North Hope Street, Room 1044) and Bishop (300 Mandich Street), or at the following locations:

Lone Pine Library
127 Bush Street
Lone Pine, CA 93545


Inyo County Library – Independence
Branch – 168 North Edwards Street
Independence, CA 93526

Public Comments: During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Initial Study may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by April 29, 2013. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Ms. Julie Van Wagner

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Van Wagner at Julie.VanWagner@ladwp.com or (213) 367-5295.

Sincerely,



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