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Project Title

Owens Lake T1-A4 Addition and T10-3a Addition Geotechnical Investigation

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- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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FROM (LEAD AGENCY AND ADDRESS):
 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

PROJECT TITLE:
 Owens Lake T1A-4 Addition and T10-3A Geotechnical Investigation

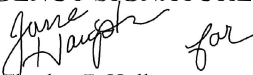
PROJECT LOCATION: Project location is at Owens Lake, south of Lone Pine and north of Olancha. See attached map.	CITY: Olancha	COUNTY: Inyo
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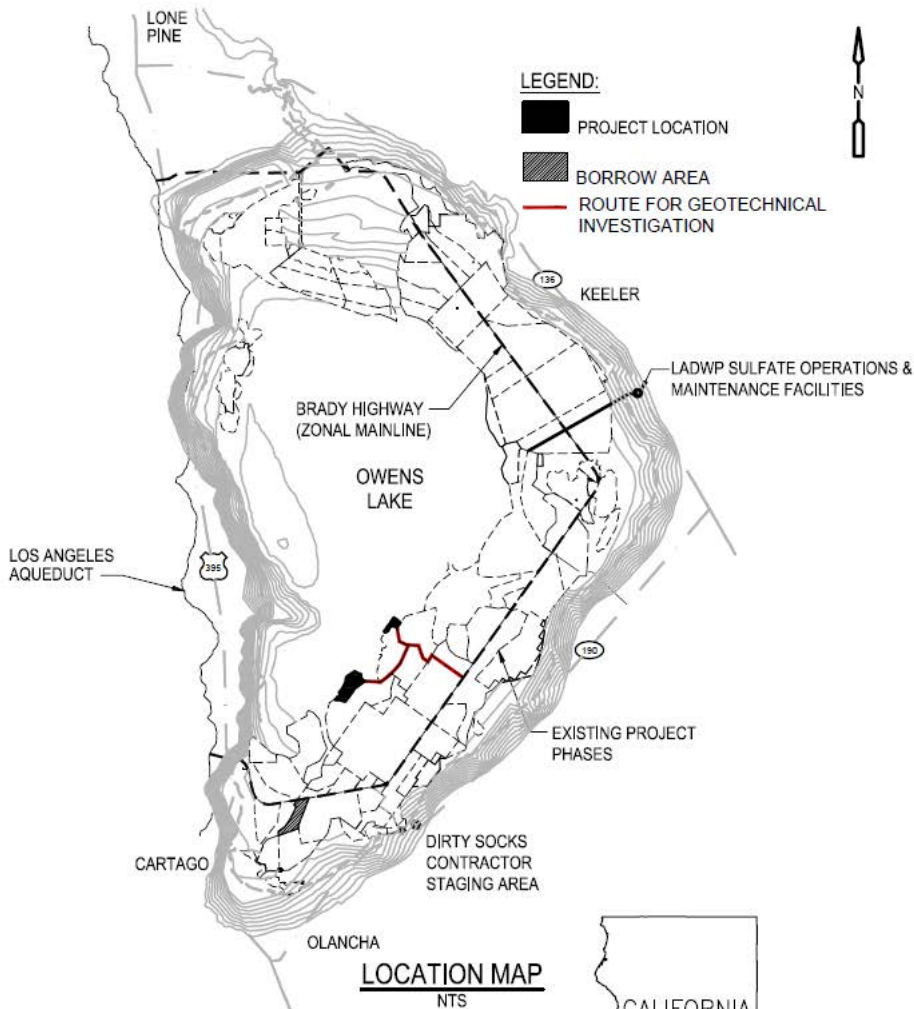
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
 On July 7, 2021, the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District issued an Owens Lake Contingency PM10 Control order for a 34-acre area located immediately north of existing dust control area (DCA) T1A-4. LADWP is now required to implement Best Available Control Measures in the 34-acre area within three years of the order date. LADWP is exploring the need to implement dust mitigation measures in areas adjacent to existing dust control areas T1A-4 (120 acres including the ordered area) and T10-3a (26 acres). These areas (designated as T1A-4 Addition and T10-3a Addition) may be contributing to sand deposition in existing control areas resulting in increased maintenance. In order to ensure the quality of the design, a geotechnical field investigation with borings is necessary to collect subsurface data that will identify the soil types in the DCAs. A total of 8 geotechnical exploratory boreholes are proposed at T1A-4, and a total of 4 boreholes at T10-3a Addition. The depth of each borehole will be a maximum of 15 feet, and the diameter of each borehole will be a maximum of 8 inches (typically 4 inches). It is estimated to take 2 to 4 days to complete the field investigation work. A geotechnical engineer or geologist will be on site to work with the drilling crew and observe and log the soils extracted from the boreholes. The area has been recently surveyed for avoidance of any potentially sensitive biological and cultural resources, and a tribal monitor and archaeological monitor will be present during the field activities.

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EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Class 6: Data Collection	SECTION: 15306
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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
 Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

LEAD AGENCY SIGNATURE:  Charles C. Holloway	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE: December 20, 2021
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LOCATION MAP
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