

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Inyo

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Independence, CA 93526

**From:** (Public Agency): Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Tinemaha Dam Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Project Location - Specific:

Tinemaha Reservoir is located in Inyo County, situated on the Owens River approximately 8 miles south of Big Pine, California. Please see attached figures.

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

LADWP proposes to conduct geotechnical investigations in the vicinity of the Tinemaha Dam under the supervision of the Division of Safety of Dams. Built in the 1920s, there are several issues with the dam and appurtenant works which will eventually require replacement. The proposed geotechnical work will investigate the geology and hydrogeology surrounding the dam and reservoir and be used to inform how the dam will be replaced as a future project. The investigation would involve borings, test pits, and cone penetration testing. Test pits would be conducted in the proposed borrow sites (see attached).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LADWP

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: LADWP

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); 15301 Existing Facilities;

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306 Information Collection

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 - Existing Facilities consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15301 (m) includes minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources. Section 15306 - Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which 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


Contact Person: Jane Hauptman

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367 - 0968

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 10/13/2020 Title: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



Bishop

Deep Springs

395

Big Pine

395

Tinemaha Reservoir

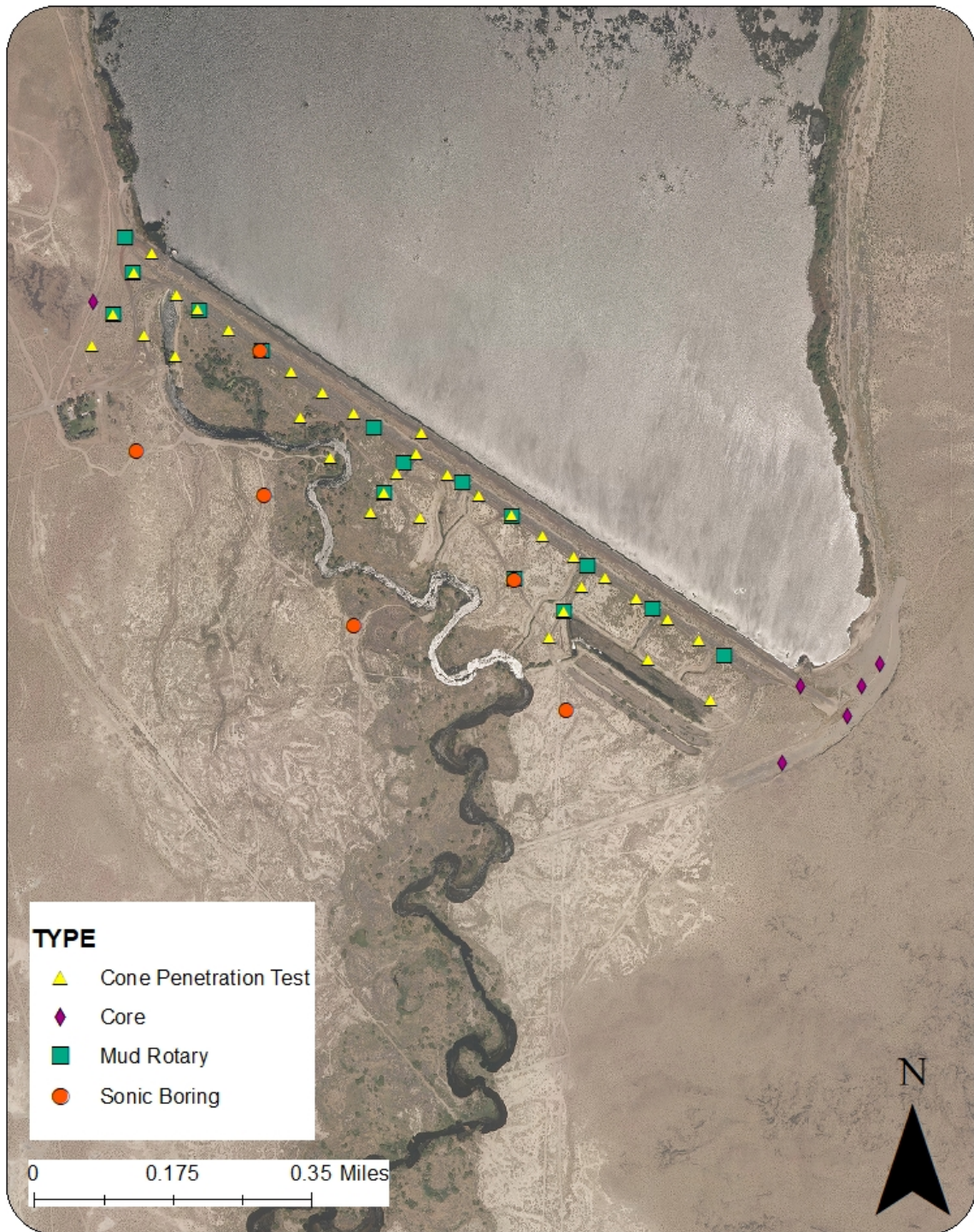


Aberdeen

Blackrock

Independence

# Boring Types and Locations



# Trench Types and Locations



# Laydown & Staging Areas & Borrow Pits

