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TYPE OF PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Replacement of Well 076

Check Document being Filed:

- 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

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:
Replacement of Existing Well 076

PROJECT LOCATION:
Please refer to the attached map. Project location is approximately 7.5 miles southeast of Independence and 7.5 miles northwest of Lone Pine, just west of US Route 395 and north of Georges Creek (36.705278°N, 118.130833°W).

CITY:
Between towns of Independence and Lone Pine

COUNTY:
Inyo

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
LADWP plans to replace the existing production well W076 in Bairs-Georges Wellfield, located between Independence and Lone Pine, California. Well W076, drilled in 1925, was abandoned in the late 1990s due to casing and screen alignment issues. The capacity of the replacement well is expected to be approximately the same as that of the original well. The installation of the replacement well has been approved by the Inyo/LA Technical Group and the Inyo County Environmental Health Department has issued a permit for construction. Current industry standards for well drilling will be utilized and no site preparation or grading is needed. The vegetation monitoring site BG2 will control operation of W076R and the pumping will be managed to avoid potential impacts on flow in Reinhackle Spring, 1.5 miles southeast of W076R. The Technical Group will establish a monitoring program for the initial operation of W076R. Drilling fluid will be confined in settling tanks. Once the replacement well is installed, the existing well will be abandoned or converted to a monitoring well.

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EXEMPT STATUS:
Categorical Exemption
Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

SECTION:
15302

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

Class 2 consists of 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.

LEAD AGENCY SIGNATURE:
Charles C. Holloway
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TITLE:
Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

DATE:
August 5, 2021

