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TYPE OF PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Owens Lake T13-1, T13-1 Addition, and T5-3
Emergency Storm Repair

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):

24-00005

111 N. HOPE STREET, ROOM 1044

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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.

LEAD AGENCY/ APPLICANT AND ADDRESS:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

PROJECT TITLE

Owens Lake T13-1, T13-1 Addition, and T5-3 Emergency Storm Repair

LOG REFERENCE

N/A

PROJECT LOCATION

Located on eastern side of Owens Lake at approximately 36°22'58.08"N, 117°53'46.18"W. See attached map.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has obtained an interim variance from enforcement of Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) Board Order 160413-01, GBUAPCD Rule 433, and Notice to Comply No. 2002 for dust control area (DCA) T13-1 (includes T13-1 and T13-1 Addition, operated as one unit, hereafter T13-1) and T5-3. This Board Order and Rule require LADWP to implement Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to achieve dust control performance criteria in designated DCAs during the dust season. Between August 19, 2023, and August 22, 2023, Tropical Storm Hilary (Hilary) brought flash flooding to the Owens Lake area. In anticipation of Hilary, the Governor of California declared an emergency along with the counties of Inyo, Los Angeles, Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino. This natural disaster resulted in extreme flash flooding that impacted the eastern portion of the Centennial Wash Alluvial fan as well as the Owens Lakebed, including the Variance Areas discussed below.

DCAs T13-1 and T5-3 are included in this variance (Variance Areas). Large areas of these DCAs and their associated infrastructure (i.e. irrigation laterals, whipline, partitions/ berms, and risers) were damaged or buried with sediment by the Hilary event. LADWP will rehabilitate the damaged DCA's by removing deposited sediment and grading; repairing and unburying irrigation laterals and risers; repairing and constructing partitions/ berms; repairing, realigning, and installing whiplines; and flushing irrigation laterals and whiplines.

Ground disturbance activities will be monitored by qualified tribal monitors as a precautionary measure.

CONTACT PERSON

Marshall Styers

AREA CODE

213

TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.

367-3541

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2b	Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15269
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3)	Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15060
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this project is Statutorily Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to section 15269 for Emergency Projects. Section 15269(a) states that "Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code. This includes projects that will remove, destroy, or significantly alter an historical resource when that resource represents an imminent threat to the public of bodily harm or of damage to adjacent property or when the project has received a determination by the State Office of Historic Preservation pursuant to Section 5028(b) of Public Resources Code." A State of Emergency was declared on August 19, 2023, in response to Tropical Storm Hilary in Inyo County that caused damage to roads and public infrastructure in and around Owens Lake. The proposed project meets the requirements of this exemption; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**SIGNATURE**

Jane Hauptman

TITLE:

Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

DATE

3/4/2024

FEE: N/A

RECEIPT NO.



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Owens Lake T13-1, T13-1N, T13-1S, and T5-3 Addition Emergency Storm Repair

Legend

-  Dust Control Areas
-  Mainline Road



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