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Project Title

Well V817 Aquifer Test

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):

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# 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.

<b>LEAD AGENCY/ APPLICANT AND ADDRESS:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> N/A
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> Well V817 Aquifer Test	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> N/A
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
 Located at 36° 6'2.12"N, 117°57'25.97"W within Rose Valley in Inyo County. See attached Map.


**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
 The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is planning to undertake an aquifer test with an existing well, Well V817, located south of Haiwee Reservoir in Rose Valley. The purpose of the planned aquifer test is to evaluate the site's hydrogeology, including aquifer characteristics, pumping capacity, the effect of pumping on groundwater level on nearby monitoring wells, and the location of potential any fault splays in the area, to determine whether Rose Valley can serve as a location for groundwater storage and recovery. The groundwater level in the nearby monitoring well ranges between 80 and 230 feet below the ground surface, far below the root zone of vegetation. The aquifer test of V817 is expected to take up to one week and is expected to withdraw less than 30 acre-feet of groundwater. This test is estimated to cause a one-inch drop in groundwater levels. This aquifer test will not result in any ground disturbance and equipment will utilize existing access roads.

<b>CONTACT PERSON</b> Marshall Styers	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 367-3541	<b>EXT.</b>
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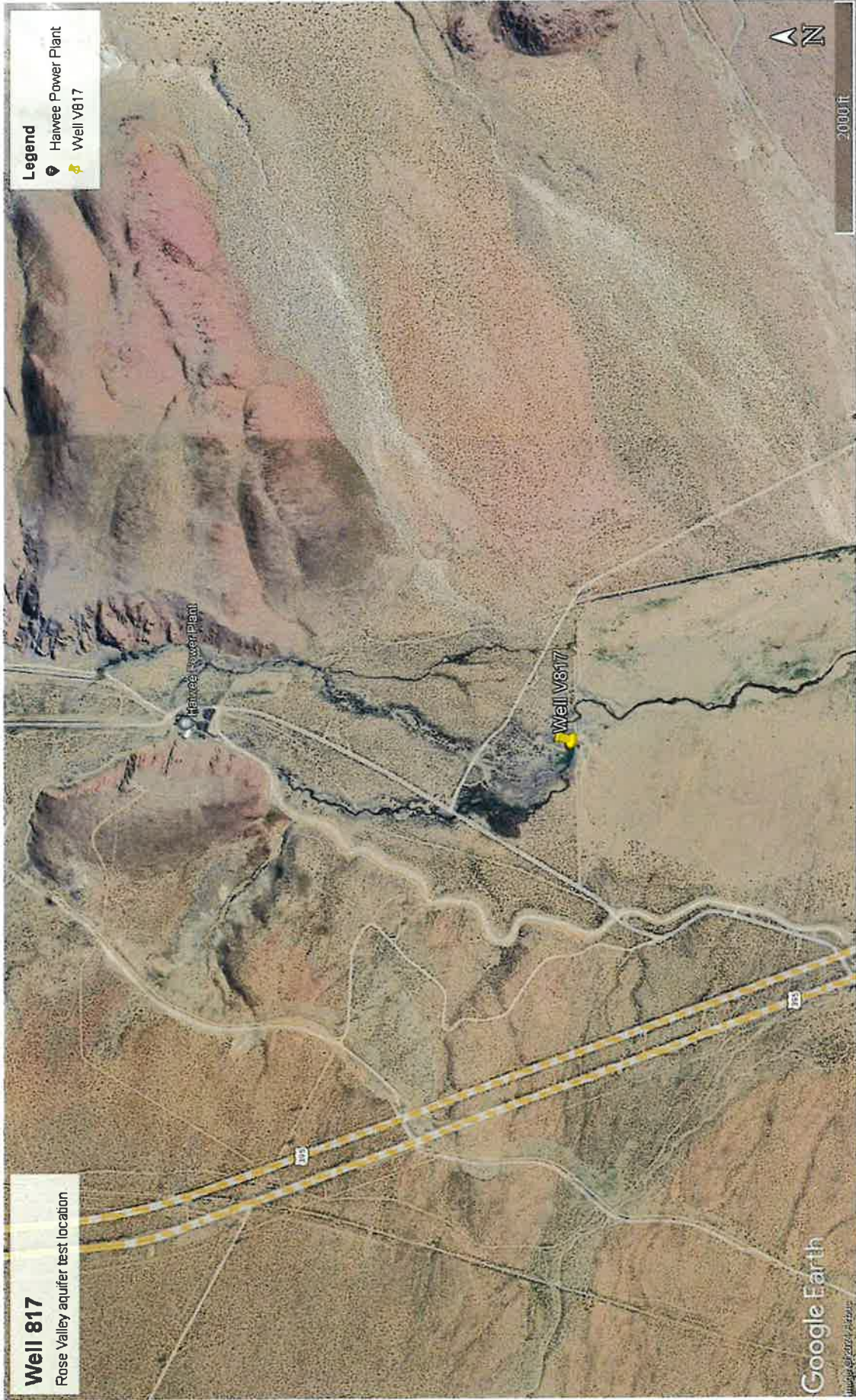
<b>EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES Art. II, Sec. 2b	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15269
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3)	Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)		

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
 In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6. 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. The proposed project meets the requirements of these exemptions; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

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

<b>SIGNATURE</b>  Jane Hauptman	<b>TITLE:</b> Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	<b>DATE</b> 5/2/2024
<b>FEE:</b> N/a	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>
		<b>DATE</b>

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 Form Gen. 153 (9/91) (Appendix A)



**Well 817**  
Rose Valley aquifer test location

**Legend**  
Hawee Power Plant  
Well V817

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