Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Inyo
P.O. Drawer
Independence, CA 93526

From: (Public Agency) LADWP
300 Mandich St.
Bishop, CA 93514
(Address)

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Project Title: Road Realignment

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 3 miles south of Manzanar Reward Road on the East side of the Owens River

Project Location – City: Independence

Project Location – County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Due to sensitive resources adjacent to and impacted by the existing road, LADWP will be realigning a small portion of the road adjacent to the Lower Owens River near the Reinhackle spring measuring station on the east side of the river. Moving the road will continue to allow recreationists access while protecting the sensitive resource.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: none

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

LADWP will be performing minor alterations in the condition of the land, such as grading, and landscaping that do not affect sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lori Gillem

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-873-0407

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: [signature] Date: 1-19-10 Title: Asst. Aqueduct Manager

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☒ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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RECORD OF FINDINGS

DATE: January 20, 2010

TO: File

FROM: Lori Gillem
Watershed Resources

SUBJECT: **Road Realignment**

SAVED AS: Road Realignment NOE

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The existing road along the east side of the Owens River near the Reinhackle Springs measuring station is impacting a sensitive resource. The resource in question needs to be protected on-site. The best mechanism to deter future impacts will be to realign the road adjacent to the resource.

LADWP will block off approximately 1,500 meters of existing road, and place approximately 900 meters of new road around the resource. The new road will be a small one vehicle road (two-track). See Figure 1. Road Realignment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Categorical Exemption Class (4) provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The exemption includes grading on land with a slope of less than 10% or new gardening or landscaping. (Guidelines sec 15304)

The proposed project consists of the realignment of portions of the existing road adjacent to the east side of the river. All work will be performed on land with a slope less than 10%. The proposed activities would provide for protection of the sensitive resource.

LIMITATION OF FINDINGS

The findings contained herein are intended to support issuance of a Categorical Exemption for the activities described above only. Any additional activities

undertaken in conjunction with this project should be subjected to separate environmental analysis and a determination made of the potential cumulative significance, which may be associated with such addition.

DISPOSITION

A Notice of Exemption (NOE) and this finding have been prepared and filed with the Inyo County Clerk. Copies of the NOE together with this Record of Findings have been placed in the Division Files.

Attachments: Figure 1

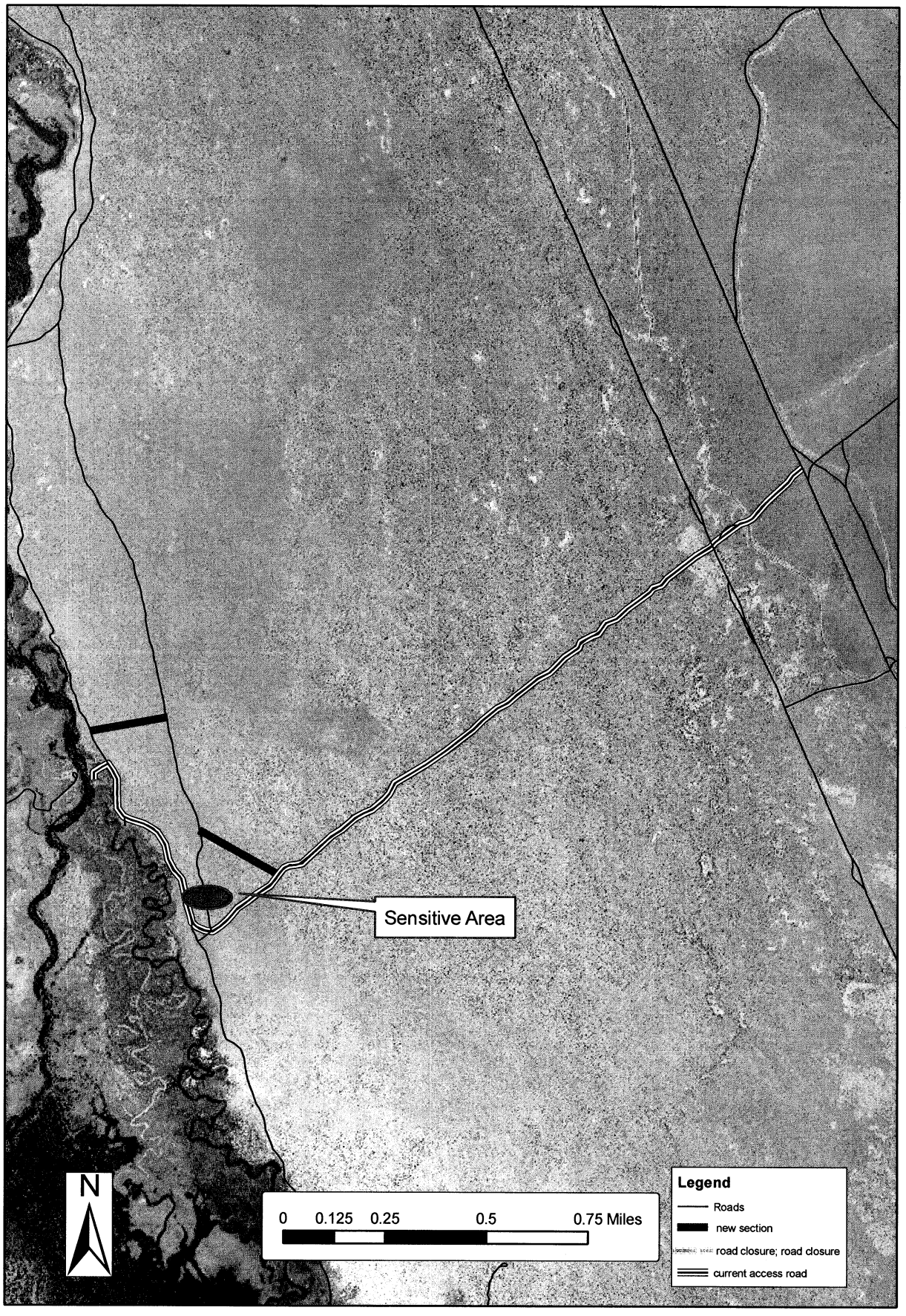

Figure 1. Road Realignment

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