

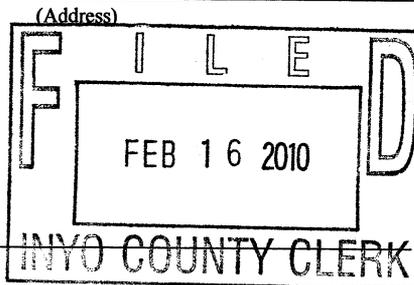
Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

County Clerk
County of Inyo
P.O. Drawer
Independence, CA 93526



Project Title: Blackrock Hatchery Diversion/Siphon

Project Location - Specific:

Zone 11, NAD 27, N 4087172.0, E. 390662.0
Southeast of the Blackrock Hatchery adjacent to the Los Angeles Aqueduct

Project Location - City: near Independence, CA Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace the three wooden gates and repair undermined headwalls and concrete lined forebays. Install a 42" bypass pipe to allow Hatchery release flows to drain to the LAA during construction activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Game

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

LADWP is replacing/maintaining an existing diversion structure with the addition of a 42" bypass pipe. The project will not expand the facility beyond existing uses.

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 [X] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2-12-10 Title: Assistant Aqueduct Mgr.

- [] Signed by Lead Agency
[X] Signed by Applicant
Date received for filing at OPR:

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RECORD OF FINDINGS

DATE: February 12, 2010

TO: File

FROM: Lori Gillem
Watershed Resources

SUBJECT: **Blackrock Hatchery Diversion/Siphon**

SAVED AS: Blackrock Hatchery Diversion/Siphon NOE

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Categorical Exemption Class (1) provides for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities not expanding existing uses. (Guidelines sec 15301)

The proposed project consists of the repair and maintenance of an existing structure with the addition of a 42" bypass pipe to allow flows from the Blackrock Hatchery to continue to drain during construction to avoid a hatchery fish kill.

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.

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