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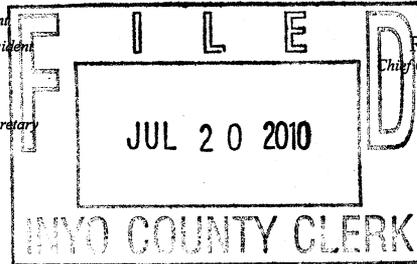
Date: July 16, 2010

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED OWENS DRY LAKE PHASE 8 DUST CONTROL
MEASURES PROJECT

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The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to implement the Phase 8 Dust Control Measures Project. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

Project Location

The Proposed Project would include gravel coverage on 2.03 square-miles within the Phase 8 boundaries as identified by GBUAPCD in December 2009. The Phase 8 area is located in the northwest portion of the Owens Dry Lake near shallow flood area T36-1.

Project Description

LADWP is currently implementing the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program (OLDMP) in order to eliminate exceedences of the federal particulate matter (PM10) air quality standard. LADWP constructs and operates dust control measures (DCMs) on the lake in compliance with orders issued by GBUAPCD under the authority of Cal. Health & Safety Code Sec. 42316, legal settlement agreements with GBUAPCD, lease agreements for use of state lands (administered by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC)), and other regulatory approvals. Phase 8 will expand the existing system of dust control measures on the lake by installation of a dust control measure called Gravel Cover on 2.03 square-miles of Owens Dry Lake area identified by GBUAPCD as emissive. Gravel Cover is one of three dust control measures GBUAPCD has determined are the "Best Available Control Measures" (BACM) for controlling dust emissions at Owens Dry Lake. LADWP's objectives for the Project include controlling dust emissions from Owens Dry Lake to meet federal regulatory air quality standards in a manner that is consistent with the laws and the Constitution of the State of California, the Los Angeles City Charter and the public trust doctrine. The Phase 8 project will be implemented in compliance with the variance granted to LADWP by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board in 2009.

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Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning July 19, 2010 and concluding August 17, 2010. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed on line at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Printed copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following location:

Bishop Branch Library
210 Academy Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Lone Pine Library
S Washington
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00 p.m., August 17, 2010 and sent to:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Assessment and Planning
Attention: Ms. Laura Hunter
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Hunter at (213) 367-4710.

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) for final consideration. The IS/MND will be presented to the Board on September 21, 2010. If you plan to attend the Board meeting, please refer to LADWP's website to confirm that it is on the agenda - <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp013428.jsp>.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Laura Hunter at (213) 367-4096.

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