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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
 (City CEQA Guidelines)

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Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the county clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

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| LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012 | COUNCIL DISTRICT N/A |
| PROJECT TITLE: Southern Owens Valley Solar Ranch Project Geotechnical Investigation | LOG REFERENCE N/A |

PROJECT LOCATION: A geotechnical investigation will be conducted for the two alternative sites for the Southern Owens Valley Solar Ranch Project located in Inyo County, California. Each site consists of 3,100 acres. The first site, called the northern site, is located northeast of the town of Lone Pine and west of the old train town of Owenyo. The second site, called the southern site, is located south of the town of Lone Pine and immediately northwest of the Owens Dry Lake. Both sites are located on property entirely owned by the City of Los Angeles.

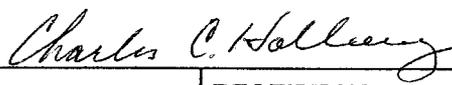
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
 The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to provide information and technical data gathered from cone penetrometer tests (CPT) and Hollow Stem Auger Holes (HSAH) essential in analyzing the geotechnical engineering properties of soils and delineating soil stratigraphy for the proposed improvements. The first phase of the geotechnical investigation will consist of CPT. CPT test method consists of pushing an instrumented cone to approximately 50 feet below the surface of the soil, with the tip facing down, into the ground at a controlled rate (usually 2 centimeters/second). The resolution of the CPT in delineating stratigraphic layers is related to the size of the cone tip, with typical cone tips having a cross-sectional area of either 10 or 15 cm², corresponding to diameters of 3.6 and 4.4 cm. The second phase of the geotechnical investigation will consist of HSAH. HSAH involves collecting soil specimens that are taken to a soil laboratory to acquire geotechnical parameters used to analyze the soil conditions. This process is similar to CPT but the diameter of the hole is approximately eight inches in diameter and visual inspection of the strength of the soil is observed applying standard penetration tests and collecting soil from the soil strata. Equipment to be used in the field are CPT and HSAH drill equipment. Supporting equipment is a standard 1 ton and 1/2 ton pick up and stake bed type trucks or SUV and a dozer in case the equipment gets stuck due to the loose conditions of the surface soil.

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EXEMPT STATUS:
 The Project is categorically exempt under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15306, Class 6.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
 The proposed geotechnical investigation is exempt from further requirements under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15306, Class 6, which applies "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which 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.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

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| SIGNATURE:  | TITLE: Manager Environmental Planning and Assessment | DATE: 7/20/2011 | |
| FEE: \$00.00 | RECEIPT NO. | REC'D BY | DATE |