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Date: August 4, 2011

To: All Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

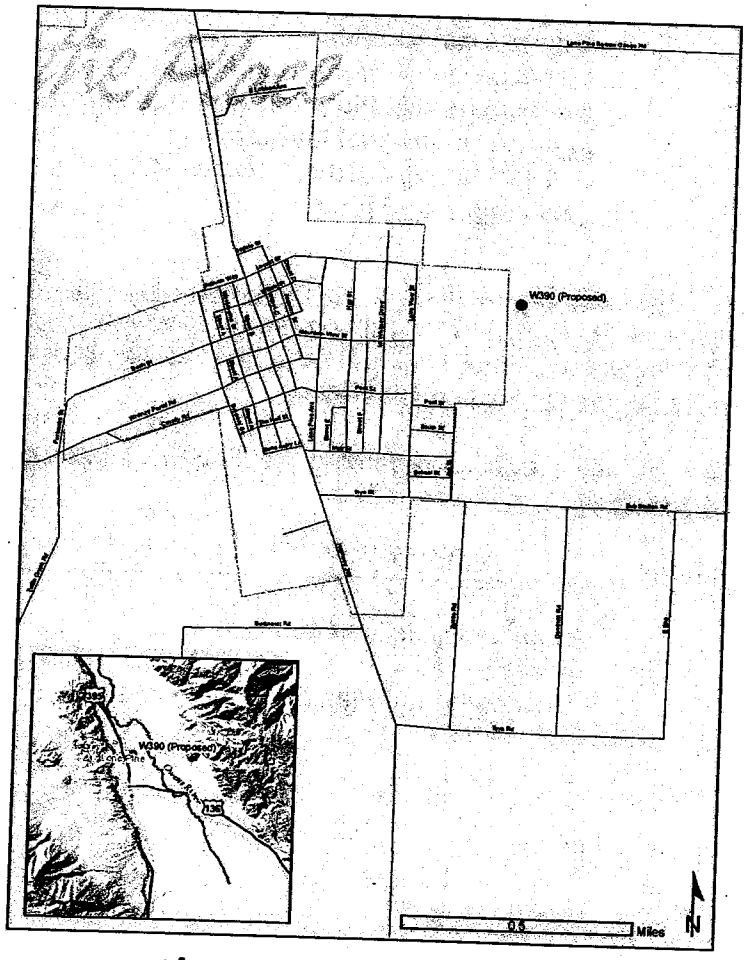
Subject: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF WELL W390 IN THE LONE PINE WELLFIELD**

Purpose

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to replace groundwater well W390 in the Lone Pine Wellfield in Inyo County, California. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) that evaluates potential environmental effects of the proposed project. Based on the Initial Study, LADWP concludes that the proposed project will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment and is hereby informing all Agencies, Organizations, and the Public of its intent to adopt a Negative Declaration.

Project Location

The proposed replacement for Well W390 is to be installed approximately 1584 feet north of the original well's location, in an open field east of Lone Pine. Specifically, the project area is located between East Locust Street to the north and East Inyo Street to the south (see area and vicinity map, right). The main landmarks for Lone Pine Wellfield are the Alabama Hills to the west, the Los Angeles Aqueduct running along the eastern slope of the Alabama Hills, the Owens River east of the wellfield, and Lone Pine Creek and Tuttle Creek running through the wellfield.



Project Description

Well W390 is one of the exempt wells used to supply water to the Van Norman Field. It was drilled in 1987, supplying all the water pumped from it

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into the Van Norman field as part of the Enhancement and Mitigation projects agreed upon by Inyo County and LADWP in a 1991 Groundwater Management Plan (the Agreement). It has since been operating, but in recent years, the well has been producing excessive amounts of sand, causing a decrease in output and pump failure. It is LADWP's goal to replace the well and to restore groundwater pumping capacity to maintain the objectives of that 1991 Agreement.

Public Review Period:

The IS/MND is available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning August 8, 2011, and concluding September 7, 2011. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed online at http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Printed copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP 111 North Hope Street Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attn: Michael Mercado	LADWP 300 Mandich Street Bishop, CA 93514 Attn: Mr. David Martin (760) 873-0312	Bishop Branch Library 210 Academy Street Bishop, CA 93514 Attn: Reference Section (760) 873-5115

Comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration must be received in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2011, and sent to:

City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
Environmental Planning and Assessment
Attention: Michael Mercado
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may be emailed to michael.mercado@ladwp.com; they may also be faxed to Mr. Mercado 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 for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Michael Mercado at (213) 367-0395.

Signature: Michael Mercado for

Charles C. Holloway
Manager
Environmental Planning and Assessment

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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Article V, City CEQA Guidelines)

LEAD CITY AGENCY:	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	N/A
PROJECT TITLE:	**CASE NO.**
Replacement of Well W390 in the Lone Pine Well Field	N/A

PROJECT LOCATION:

East of Lone Pine in the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 36 East in Inyo County. Specifically, the project area is located between East Locust Street to the north and East Inyo Street to the south.

DESCRIPTION:

Well W390, located in the Lone Pine Well Field, has been drawing water at a diminished capacity due to excessive sand production. LADWP proposes to relocate and replace well W390, to increase the well's irrigation efficiency and to maintain groundwater supplies and recharge in the field that the well is irrigating.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY: N/A

FINDINGS:

THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS DOCUMENT IS INCLUDED.

NAME OF PERSON PREPARING THIS FORM:	TITLE:	PHONE:
Michael Mercado	Environmental Specialist, Project Manager	(213) 367-0395
ADDRESS:	**SIGNATURE (Official)**	**DATE**
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	Thomas C. Dailer for Charles C. Holloway Manager, Environmental Assessment	August 4, 2011

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