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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 168 North Edwards Street, Independence, CA 93526, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> N/A
<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> Van Norman Field Enhancement/Mitigation Project	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> N/A

**PROJECT LOCATION** The Van Norman Field Enhancement/Mitigation project is located northeast of Lone Pine near the intersection of US Highway 395 and Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Road (Attachment 1).

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
LADWP proposes to modify the Van Norman Field Enhancement/Mitigation (E/M) Project by adding approximately ten acres of the Lone Pine High School Farm to the Van Norman Field E/M Project. The total acreage of the modified Van Norman Field E/M Project will be approximately 170 acres. The ten additional acres (approximate) will be irrigated pasture. The total annual water supply for the project will remain at 480 acre-feet per year, which will result in an annual water distribution within the project boundary of approximately 2.8 acre-feet per acre.

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<b>EXEMPT STATUS:</b>	<b>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</b>	<b>STATE EIR GUIDELINES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. II, Sec. 2b	Sec. 15073
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15071(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3)	Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)		

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
The proposed project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15304 [Minor Alterations to Land] of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 15304(e)(f) exempts minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4), the project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the conversion of 10 acres of the Van Norman Field E/M site to irrigated pasture would consist of minor alterations to the condition of land, water, and vegetation and would not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE</b>  Charles C. Holloway	<b>TITLE:</b> Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	<b>DATE</b> 3/11/14
<b>FEE: \$</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>
		<b>DATE</b>