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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2014071057

Project Title Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program Phase 9/10 Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Project Location (include county): Inyo County

Project Description:

The LADWP is currently implementing the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program on the Owens Lake in order to reduce emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10). LADWP will construct and operate dust control measures on 3.2 square miles on the lake in compliance with Orders from the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

An Addendum has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to address changes in the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program Phase 9/10 Project since approval of the Project and its associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on June 2, 2015 (SCH # 2014071057). LADWP is approving the use of an additional gravel source (from the Panamint Valley) that was not described in the previously prepared EIR. Gravel will be used for construction of the approximately 3.2 square miles of Gravel Cover included in the Project.

LADWP is proposing the following modifications to the Project: adding the Panamint Valley Limestone Quarry (located southeast of the Project site in unincorporated Inyo County) as an approved gravel source for the Project, modifying the construction work schedule to up to six days per week, and clarifying that the total volume of gravel transported to the lake each day would be up to approximately 3,500 tons. These changes constitute minor modifications to the previously approved Phase 9/10 Project evaluated in the June 2, 2015 EIR, and therefore do not necessitate any subsequent or supplemental environmental review under Public Resources Code section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 or 15163. However, in an abundance of caution, LADWP has prepared an Addendum in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This is to advise that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (CEQA Lead Agency) originally approved the above described Project on June 2, 2015 and has approved the above described

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modifications to the Project and Addendum to the EIR on February 18, 2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described Phase 9/10 Project:

1. LADWP is the Lead Agency for the Project.
2. An Addendum to the 2015 Final EIR was prepared for this Project by LADWP pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.
3. The Addendum to the Final EIR concluded that the modifications to the Project would not result in any new or substantially more severe significant impacts on the environment than those previously identified in the 2015 Final EIR prepared and certified by LADWP for the Project.
4. No new mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was originally adopted for this Project in conjunction with certification of the previously prepared Final EIR. No changes are required to the originally approved mitigation measures as a result of the modifications to the Project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not previously adopted for this Project and is not required as a result of any of the modifications made to the Project.
6. No new CEQA Findings were adopted for the modifications to the proposed Project since no new or substantially more severe environmental impacts were identified.

This is to certify that the Addendum, Final EIR, and supporting documentation for the Phase 9/10 Project are available to the General Public at: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Rm. 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Signature (Public Agency): Charles C. Hollaway Title: Manager of Environmental Planning

Date: February 18, 2016 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____