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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: September 6, 2016

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Haiwee Power Plant Penstock Replacement Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared an Initial Study for the Haiwee Power Plant Penstock Replacement Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, LADWP intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). LADWP is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project.

Project Location: The Haiwee Power Plant is located in the Owens Valley, off U.S. Route 395 (Hwy 395) at 1800 South Haiwee Loop Road, Inyo County, California; just south of the town of Olancha and approximately 35 miles south of Lone Pine, California. The project site is located on the Haiwee Reservoirs and Coso Junction 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangles and the latitude/longitude of the north end of the project area is 36.1354°N/-117.9534°W (North American Datum 1983 UTM Zone 11N). The project site is accessed from Hwy 395 via Haiwee Reservoir Road at the north near the dam or Los Angeles Aqueduct road off Hwy 395 south of the Power Plant.

Project Description: LADWP operates the existing Haiwee Power Plant Penstock for the conveyance of water from South Haiwee Reservoir to the Haiwee Power Plant as part of the overall Los Angeles Aqueduct System. Due to a partial collapse of the penstock in 1984, and decades of corrosion and pitting, normal operation of the penstock does not meet current day design standards. The proposed project is the replacement of approximately 10,000 feet of existing pipe to allow the safe transmission of water from South Haiwee Reservoir to the Haiwee Power Plant.

Environmental Effects: The Initial Study describes potentially significant impacts of the proposed project on biological and cultural resources, and land use as related to protection of biological and cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Other effects found to be less than significant are also described in the Initial Study.

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Hazardous Waste Disclosure
Per Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Public Review of the Initial Study: The public review period commences on September 8, 2016 and concludes on October 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the Initial Study is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	LADWP 300 Mandich Street Bishop, CA 93514	Lone Pine Library 127 Bush Street Lone Pine, CA 93545

Public Comments: During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Initial Study may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by October 7, 2016. Please submit your comments to the following address:

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111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
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Attn: Ms. Julie Van Wagner

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Van Wagner at Julie.VanWagner@ladwp.com or (213) 367-5295.

Sincerely,

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