

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Mono

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Bridgeport, CA 93517

**From:** (Public Agency): Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Long Valley Dam Protection Wells

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

Project Location - Specific:

Long Valley Reservoir is located in Mono County, CA east of Highway 395, north of Tom's Place and south of Mammoth Lakes. Please see attached map.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Please see attached description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LADWP

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: LADWP

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15269 (c) determines that specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are exempt from CEQA. The installation of the two wells would alleviate stress on the dam face, minimize liquefaction risk, and maintain safe operating conditions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jane Hauptman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367 - 0968

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Jane Hauptman for Date: 04/21/2020 Title: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment  
Charles C. Holloway

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## **LONG VALLEY DAM PROTECTION - DEWATERING WELLS**

Notice of Exemption Attachment

04/21/2020

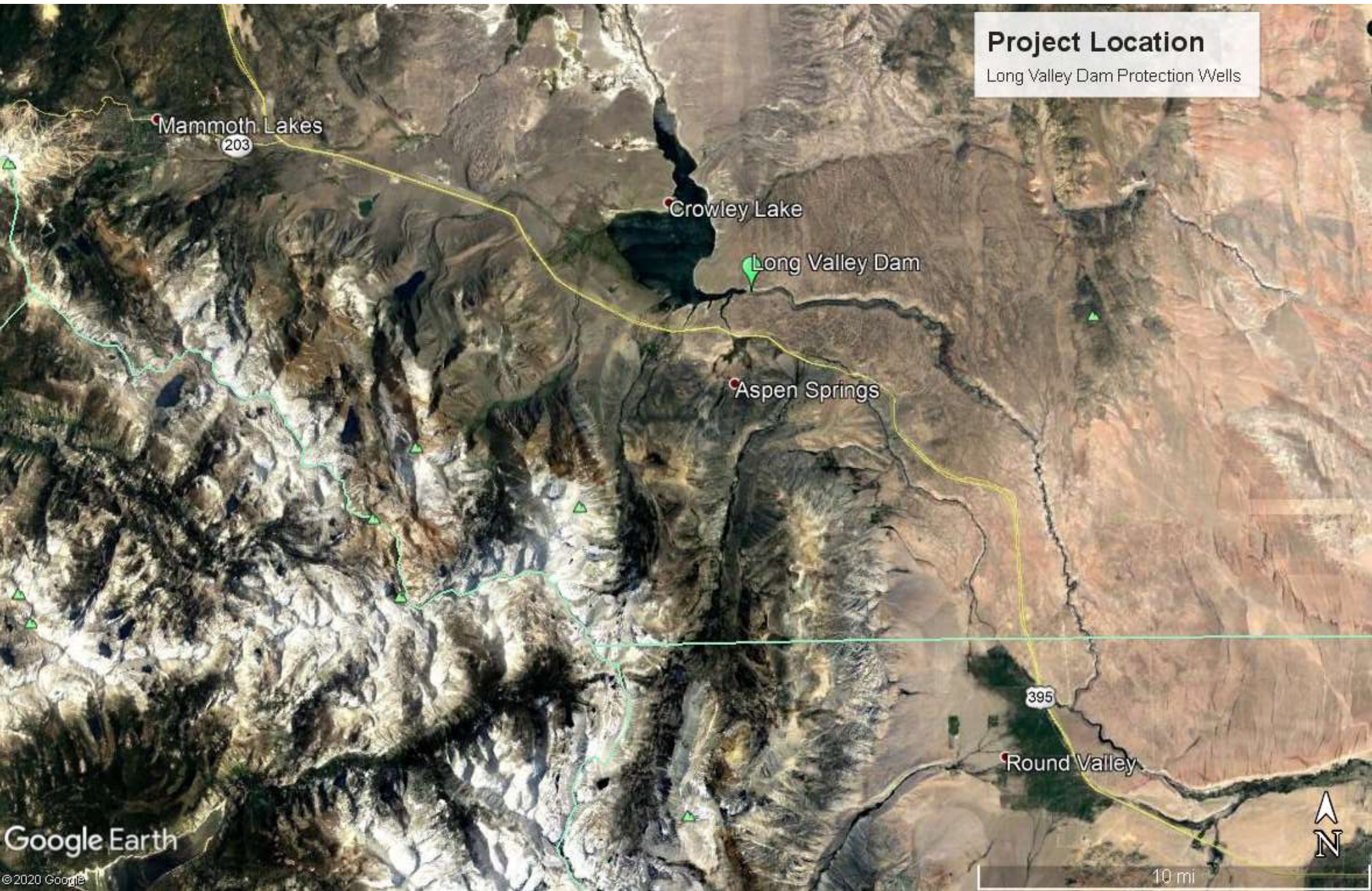
### **DESCRIPTION**

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to construct two groundwater dewatering wells (LV-1 and LV-2) at the toe of the Long Valley Dam to control seepage and minimize the potential liquefaction risk. Currently, when water levels are high, Long Valley Reservoir experiences excessive groundwater seepage downstream of the toe of the dam, resulting in surface ponding and risks to dam safety. LADWP has previously constructed three dewatering wells in the general vicinity of the two proposed dewatering wells, but more towards the north side of the dam face. Mineral precipitation from volcanic materials (manganese oxide), clogs the wells' screen slots and gravel packs. Clogging has resulted in a reduced pumping capacity, thus raising the groundwater table at the toe of the dam. The two new proposed dewatering wells will be constructed at the south side the dam, to supplement the existing dewatering wells to minimize liquefaction risk and maintain safe operating conditions. Pumped water would be conveyed through Owens Gorge. The planned wells will have 8-5/8" diameter stainless steel casing and screens, and will be up to 80 feet deep. Installation for each well is estimated to take up to 30 days, including well development and pumping tests, and restoring the site, excluding unforeseen delays. An existing dirt road will provide access to work site. All the proposed work sites are located on lands owned by the City of Los Angeles. The proposed wells will only be used solely to reduce potential liquefaction risk and not for any groundwater extraction purposes.



### Project Location

Long Valley Dam Protection Wells



Mammoth Lakes  
203

Crowley Lake

Long Valley Dam

Aspen Springs

395

Round Valley

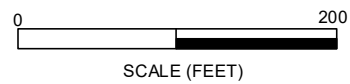
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**APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF  
PROPOSED  
DEWATERING WELLS**

LONG VALLEY DAM

FIGURE

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