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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: January 30, 2013

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Owens Lake Phase 7a Dust Control Measures Project (SCH #2011051068)

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for consideration of the Owens Lake Phase 7a Dust Control Measures Project. LADWP is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location:

The 110 square-mile dry Owens Lake is located in Inyo County, California, approximately 5 miles south of the community of Lone Pine and approximately 61 miles south of the city of Bishop. Owens Dry Lake is bounded by State Route (SR) 136 to the north and east, SR 190 to the south, and U.S. Highway (U.S.) 395 to the west.

Project Description:

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is currently implementing the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program (OLDMP) on Owens Dry Lake in order to reduce exceedances of the state and federal particulate matter (PM₁₀) air quality standards. LADWP constructs and operates dust control measures (DCMs) on the lake in compliance with Agreements with the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) under the authority of California Health & Safety Code Section 42316, legal settlement agreements with GBUAPCD, lease agreements for use of state lands, and other regulatory approvals. The original Phase 7a project would expand and modify the existing system of dust control on the lake by installation of Best Available Control Measures (BACM) (Gravel Cover, Shallow Flooding and Managed Vegetation) on 3.1 square miles of area identified as emissive by GBUAPCD. In addition, 3 to 4 square miles of existing Shallow Flooding dust control areas (DCAs) will be transitioned to a hybrid dust control method using a combination of the three BACM to minimize dust while conserving water use on Owens Dry Lake.

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Impacts of the Project:

The Draft EIR found that implementation of the project may result in significant environment impacts to air quality; cultural resources; and biological resources. The analysis in this EIR indicates that the Phase 7a project as originally proposed (3.1 square miles of dust control) would have significant irreversible impacts on unique cultural resources. Therefore, alternatives to the originally proposed project have been evaluated including an Avoidance Alternative which would protect significant cultural resources.

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 Draft EIR:

The public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on Friday, February 1, 2013 and conclude on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. A copy of the Draft EIR will also be posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at LADWP or the following locations:

Repository Site and Phone Number	Address
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Bishop Office	300 Mandich Street Bishop, CA 93514
Bishop Library	210 Academy Avenue Bishop, CA 93514
Lone Pine Library	Corner of Washington & Bush Street Lone Pine, CA 93545
Inyo County Library Big Pine Branch	500 South Main Street Big Pine, CA 93513
Inyo County Library Independence Branch	168 North Edwards Street Independence, CA 93526
Cerro Coso Community College Library	3000 College Heights Boulevard Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Public Meeting:

LADWP will hold a public meeting to inform the public about the project and the findings of the draft EIR and provide an opportunity for agencies, organizations, and interested individuals to provide comments on the adequacy of the document. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the LADWP Sulfate Facility, 111 Sulfate Road, Training/Conference Room, Keeler, California 93530.

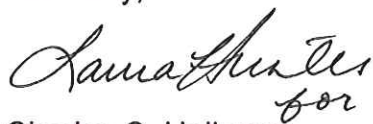
During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by Monday, March 18, 2013. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Attention: Laura Hunter
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Laura Hunter at (213) 367-4710.

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Laura Hunter at (213) 367-4096.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Hunter" with "for" written below it.

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