

**Minor Additions and Changes to the Mitigated Negative Declaration
Neenach Pumping Station Turnout Project
Prepared by
The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**

1. Minor Technical Additions:

Since the release and circulation of the MND April 28, 2005 through May 27, 2005, LADWP has received one comment letter from the California Department of Water Resources. LADWP prepared a response to the comments and questions received. Through this Minor Additions and Changes to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, LADWP, is proposing to include the response to comments (attachment 1) as part of the record, supporting the decision to adopt a MND. LADWP is also appending the biological resource survey (attachment 2) that is referenced in the Initial Study prepared for this project.

In addition, there is a minor technical change in the Biological Resources section of the Initial Study (IS). Due to a typographical error, the discussions to questions "a" through "f" in section IV. Biological Resources of the IS, are incorrectly labeled and sequenced. Starting on page 15 of the IS, Discussion section "a" is followed by a second Discussion section "a." The second "a" should be changed to "b," and for the remainder of that page "b" should be changed to "c;" "c" changed to "d;" "d" changed to "e;" and "e" changed to "f."

2. Recirculation of the Modified MND is Not Required:

Section 15073.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines outlines when recirculation of a Negative Declaration is or is not required prior to adoption. Specifically, section 15073.5 (c) (4) states that "recirculation is not required" when "new information is added to the negative declaration which merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the negative declaration. "

The proposed modification to the original Initial Study and the appended support documents would not result in changing the conclusions of the MND, nor do these minor technical changes constitute a "substantial revision" of the MND. The minor textual additions provided herein are not considered to 1) constitute a substantial change in the project being proposed by the LADWP, 2) lead to substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, or 3) constitute new information of substantial importance. As such recirculation of the MND and associated changes is not required.

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