

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
LITTLE LAKE AQUEDUCT CROSSOVER PROJECT**

Date: November 1, 2023

To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Little Lake Aqueduct Crossover Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the Little Lake Aqueduct Crossover Project (Project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for the preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would connect the First Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA1) (concrete conduit) and Second Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA2) (riveted steel pipeline) through the installation of approximately 183 feet of 60-inch diameter pipe. The material to be used for the pipe is still to be determined. The LAA Crossover Project includes:

- The installation of an isolation structure on the LAA1 downstream of the LAA Crossover connection. This structure will include two sets of slide gates and reinforcement of the LAA1 required for the installation of the slide gates.
- The installation of two 60-inch diameter butterfly valves on the Crossover pipeline to prevent backflow into the LAA1 when the LAA2 is in service.
- Installation of a new crossover pipe below grade with a new mechanical platform constructed atop the replacement segment of the LAA1.
- Installation of a new connection structure to allow for the connection of the LAA Crossover pipeline to the LAA1 concrete channel.
- The installation of a LAA Crossover connection to LAA2 downstream of the LAA1-LAA2 intersection.
- Installation of a galvanic cathodic protection system for corrosion control.

PROJECT LOCATION

The crossover pipeline will be installed in the Rose Valley of Inyo County, California, east of the Sierra Nevada and west of the Coso Range (Figure 1). Located approximately 25 miles south of Olancho and 25 miles northwest of Ridgecrest, the project site is located west of Little Lake reservoir. Little Lake is a perennial manmade lake sustained by springs, approximately 90 acres in surface area and three to five feet deep (Nilssen and Bevill 2017). Accessed via Highway 395, the Project is located on the Little Lake, California 1983 United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle map. The site is in Township 23S, Range 37E, Section 1.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A 38-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on November 1, 2023, and conclude on December 8. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website and can be found by scanning the QR code to the right, or at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2023**.

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All comment letters or emails received related to the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore, names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Kathryn Laudeman, of my staff, at (213) 367-6376.

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