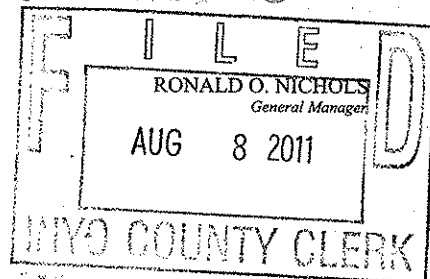




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Date: August 3, 2011

To: All Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF WELL W076 IN THE BAIRS-
GEORGES WELLFIELD

Purpose

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to replace groundwater well W076 in the Bairs-Georges Wellfield in Inyo County, California. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that evaluates potential environmental effects of the proposed project. Based on the Initial Study, LADWP concludes that the proposed project, with mitigation measures included, will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment and is hereby informing all Agencies, Organizations, and the Public of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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Project Location

The proposed replacement for Well W076 is to be installed approximately 150 feet east of the original well's location, in the Bairs-Georges Wellfield, approximately 8.5 miles north of Lone Pine and 8 miles south of Independence (area and vicinity map, figure 1, next page). The main landmarks for the Bairs-Georges Wellfield are the Alabama Hills to the south, the Los Angeles Aqueduct in the center of the wellfield, and Manzanar National Monument to the north.

Project Description

LADWP's goal is to replace a well that has malfunctioned, and to restore groundwater pumping operations to levels prior to failure. The original well failed due to casing misalignment and excessive sand production. When wells fail, replacement wells are drilled using the current industry standards, to maximize efficiency and minimize potential impacts to the environment. To achieve this, the replacement well was designed and will be constructed to draw water from the deep aquifer, which is consistent with the current emphasis on groundwater management in the Owens Valley, to minimize impacts to groundwater dependent vegetation.

Public Review Period:

The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning August 8, 2011, and concluding September 7, 2011. The electronic version of the IS/MND may be viewed on line at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Printed copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

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111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90012-2607 Mailing address: Box 51111, Los Angeles 90051-5700
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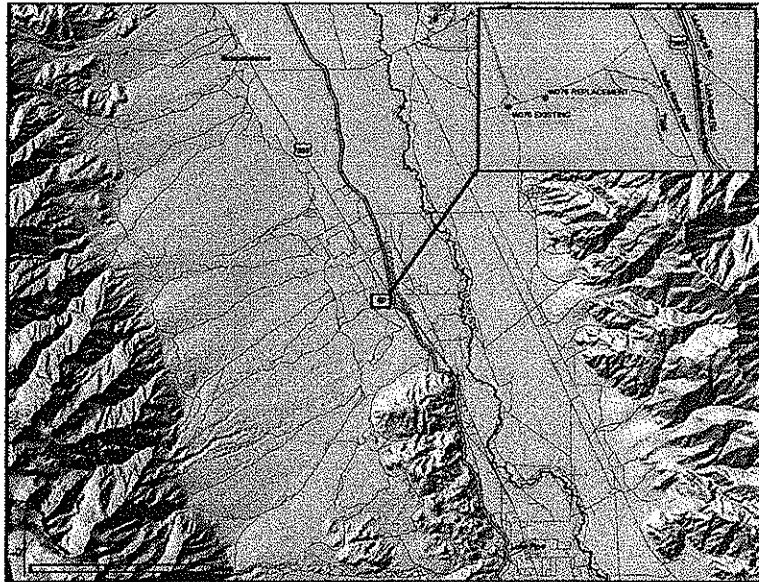
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LADWP
111 North Hope Street
Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Michael Mercado

LADWP
300 Mandich Street
Bishop, CA 93514
Attn: Mr. David Martin
(760) 873-0312

Bishop Branch Library
210 Academy Street
Bishop, CA 93514
Attn: Reference Section
(760) 873-5115

*Figure 1 – Area and vicinity
(inset) map for proposed well
W076 replacement project*



Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2011, and sent to:

**City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Planning and Assessment
Attention: Michael Mercado
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Comments may be emailed to michael.mercado@ladwp.com; they may also be faxed to Mr. Mercado at (213) 367-4710. All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Michael Mercado at (213) 367-0395.

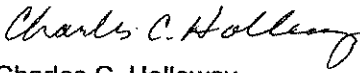
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LEAD CITY AGENCY: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012		COUNCIL DISTRICT N/A
PROJECT TITLE: Replacement of Well W076 in Bairs-Georges Wellfield		CASE NO. N/A
PROJECT LOCATION: 8.5 miles north of Lone Pine and 8 miles south of Independence, CA		
DESCRIPTION: Well W076, located in the Bairs-Georges Wellfield, is among the older LADWP wells in the Owens Valley. This well was drilled in 1924 and has been mainly used to supply the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA). It was operational until 1990, but has failed and was shut down in 1990 due to casing misalignment and excessive sand production. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to replace this well using the current industry standards for well drilling. Mitigation measures, which include drilling and pumping only from the deep aquifer, have been included to minimize potential impacts to the groundwater.		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY: N/A		
FINDINGS: THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS DOCUMENT IS INCLUDED.		
NAME OF PERSON PREPARING THIS FORM: Michael Mercado	TITLE: Environmental Specialist, Project Manager	PHONE: (213) 367-0395
ADDRESS: 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	SIGNATURE (Official)  Charles C. Holloway Manager, Environmental Assessment	DATE 8/3/2011

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