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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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TYPE OF PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Monitoring Wells T997, T998, T1000, T1001

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

111 N. HOPE STREET, ROOM 1044

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

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| LEAD AGENCY/ APPLICANT AND ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012 | COUNCIL DISTRICT N/A |
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| PROJECT TITLE Monitoring Wells T997, T998, T1000, T1001 | LOG REFERENCE N/A |
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PROJECT LOCATION
Monitoring wells will be located near Big Pine. See attached map.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing to install four monitoring wells near Big Pine, CA. As shown in attached map, T997 will be located west of Highway 395 and north of County Rd. T998 will be located northeast of Big Pine and south of Highway 168. T1000 and T1001 will be located west of Highway 395 and south of Fish Springs. These monitoring wells will be used to monitor groundwater elevations in the underlying aquifers to better understand aquifer conditions and improve water resource management in the Big Pine area. The exact depth of each well will be determined after reviewing the lithological logs obtained from pilot boreholes. T997 will consist of 3 strings of 3 or 4-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casings to monitor groundwater levels at three depths. The other three monitoring wells (T998, T1000, and T1001) will each consist of 2 strings of 3 or 4-inch diameter PVC pipe to monitor groundwater levels at two depths. The work area for each monitoring well will be approximately 100 feet by 100 feet and utilize existing roads for site access and material laydown. Work vehicles will be restricted to existing compacted roads and turnouts.


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| CONTACT PERSON Marshall Styers | AREA CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER EXT. 213 367-3541 |
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL | CITY CEQA GUIDELINES | STATE CEQA GUIDELINES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY | Art. II, Sec. 2b | Sec. 15268 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT | Art. II, Sec. 2a(1) | Sec. 15269 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION | Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3) | Sec. 15071(b) & (c) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION | Art. II, Sec. 1 | Sec. 15060 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision) | Art. III, Sec. 1 | Sec. 15300 |

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6, consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The proposed project meets the requirements of these exemptions; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

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| SIGNATURE  Jane Hauptman | TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment | DATE 6/12/2024 |
| FEE: N/a | RECEIPT NO. | REC'D BY |
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- Legend
- T1000
 - T1001
 - T997
 - T998

