

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
THE HAYNES GENERATING STATION UNIT 8 RECYCLED WATER COOLING SYSTEM  
RETROFIT PROJECT**

**Date:** November 4, 2021

**To:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Haynes Generating Station Unit 8 Recycled Water Cooling System Retrofit 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 Haynes Generating Station Unit 8 Recycled Water Cooling System Retrofit Project (proposed project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

LADWP proposes to implement the proposed project, which would modify the Haynes Generation Unit 8 cooling system by removing the existing ocean-water once-through cooling (OTC) system from service and installing a wet cooling system consisting of a cooling tower. This action is necessary to allow for the continued operation of Unit 8 while complying with mandates related to the statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (OTC Policy), implemented by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to establish standards to comply with federal Clean Water Act Section 316(b) to reduce potential effects on aquatic life associated with the operation of cooling water intake structures. Based on a preliminary schedule, the construction of the proposed project is scheduled to begin in late 2024, and primary facilities construction would be substantially complete by mid-2026. The cooling tower would become operational by mid-2027, after a commissioning phase. By implementing the proposed project, Haynes Unit 8 would comply with the OTC Policy by the December 31, 2029, deadline stipulated in the policy to eliminate OTC at Haynes.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The proposed project would be sited within Haynes, which is located at 6801 East 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach. Haynes is located immediately south of State Route (SR) 22 (Garden Grove Freeway) and approximately one mile east of SR-1 (Pacific Coast Highway). Primary access to Haynes is provided from 2nd Street, which forms the southern boundary of the station. The San Gabriel River channel borders the west boundary of Haynes, and an Orange County Flood Control District flood control channel borders the eastern boundary.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

A 37-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on November 4, 2021, and conclude on December 10, 2021. (LADWP has extended the public comment period an additional 7 days beyond the 30-day period required under CEQA to account for the Thanksgiving holiday.) The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Copies of the IS/MND may be requested using the contact information provided below.

Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2021**.

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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 at (213) 367-6376.

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