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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE MONO GATE ONE DIVERSION FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing the upgrade and modification of the existing weir structure at Mono Gate One to meet present day requirements. Additionally, the project will improve functionality of the facility by installing current technology in monitoring, communication, and control devices. LADWP has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

Project Location: The project is located in the southwestern portion of Mono County, California. The Grant Reservoir is located approximately 0.5 mile to the west, and Mono Lake is located approximately 6.0 miles to the northeast of the project site. The primary access to the project site is from State Highway 395 via West Portal Road.

Project Description: The proposed Mono Gate One Facility Upgrade Project consists of: (1) Construction of an approximately 150-foot bypass pipeline and valve installed to ensure that flows to Lower Rush Creek will not be interrupted. This pipeline will eventually be maintained as a bypass pipeline. (2) Improvements to the Mono Gate structure, installation of equipment (for flow control and monitoring telemetry), and a new measuring station in the Rush Creek Return Ditch downstream of the bypass pipeline. (3) Either a new 12 kilovolt overhead power line from the Grant Reservoir shaft house to Mono Gate One along the existing road or a solar power array at the Mono Gate One facility to power operations.

The completion of the project will (1) improve the structural integrity of the Mono Gate One Diversion facility, (2) allow for better flow control and measurements from the Grant Reservoir to Lower Rush Creek and Mono Craters Tunnel, and (3) allow for better communications, flow monitoring and flow control between the Mono Gate One facility and LADWP's Bishop facilities.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being made available for public review for a 30 day period beginning January 15 and concluding on February 13, 2008.

Printed copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following Mono County Public Libraries:

Lee Vining Library	Bishop Branch Library	June Lake Library
51710 Highway 395	210 Academy St.	90 Granite Ave.
Lee Vining, CA 93541	Bishop, CA 93514	June Lake, CA 93529

An electronic version may be viewed at the following website address:
<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>

Comments on the IS/MND must be received in writing no later than 5:00pm, February 13, 2008. Comments may be sent to:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Services, Attn: Sarah Easley Perez
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Perez at (213) 367-1276.

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that would be forwarded to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Sarah Easley Perez at (213) 367-1276.

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