

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, 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.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT
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PROJECT TITLE Castaic Power Plant Power Line Emergency Repair	LOG REFERENCE
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PROJECT LOCATION
 The project is located at the Castaic Power Plant property, 37700 Templin Highway, Castaic, CA 91384 in Los Angeles County. The replacement will occur between the Castaic Power Plant and the Elderberry Forebay Dam. A map indicating the project location is attached.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
 A two-mile span of powerline was recently destroyed by the Route Fire in early September 2022. The powerline (4160 circuit) derives from Castaic Power Plant to control the Elderberry Forebay Dam and powers the outlet tower that releases water from Elderberry Forebay to Castaic Lake as part of the State Water Project. LADWP proposes to conduct emergency work to replace the poles and conductor.

The emergency replacement work would be conducted in the following order: (1) Removal of the 36 damaged poles and conductor using hand tools and an auger derrick crane. (2) The footprint of the new holes would be dug using hand tools and an auger derrick crane. (3) The new poles would be set in the holes using a helicopter and auger derrick crane. (4) The conductor would be installed using a rope pulling trailer and a wire feed trailer. The replacement infrastructure would be located along the same alignment as the damaged infrastructure and the new poles would be placed in roughly the same location as the damaged poles.

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EXEMPT STATUS:
 Section 15269, Statutory Exemption, Emergency Projects

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
 In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA review pursuant to section 15269 (Emergency Projects). Section 15269 consists of emergency projects including emergency repairs to publicly or privately-owned serviced facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency. The damaged pole line is currently out of service and is not providing power for dam control, therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE Charles C. Holloway	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE September 30, 2022	
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE

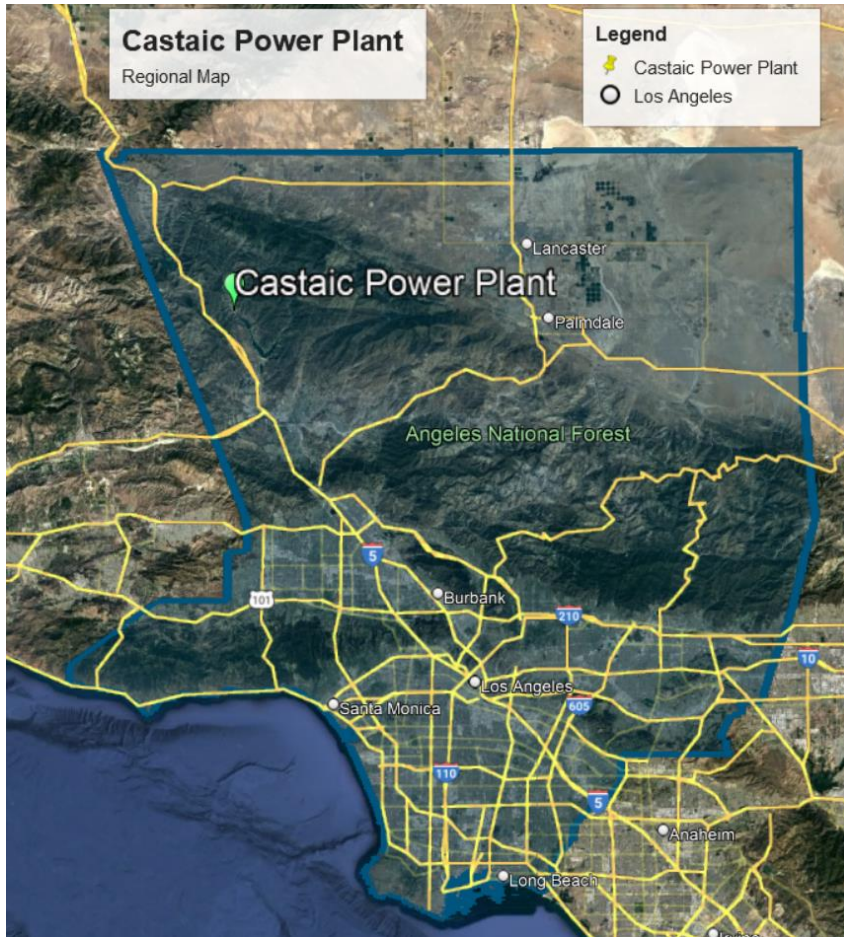


Figure 1. Regional map of Los Angeles County and Castaic Power Plant.

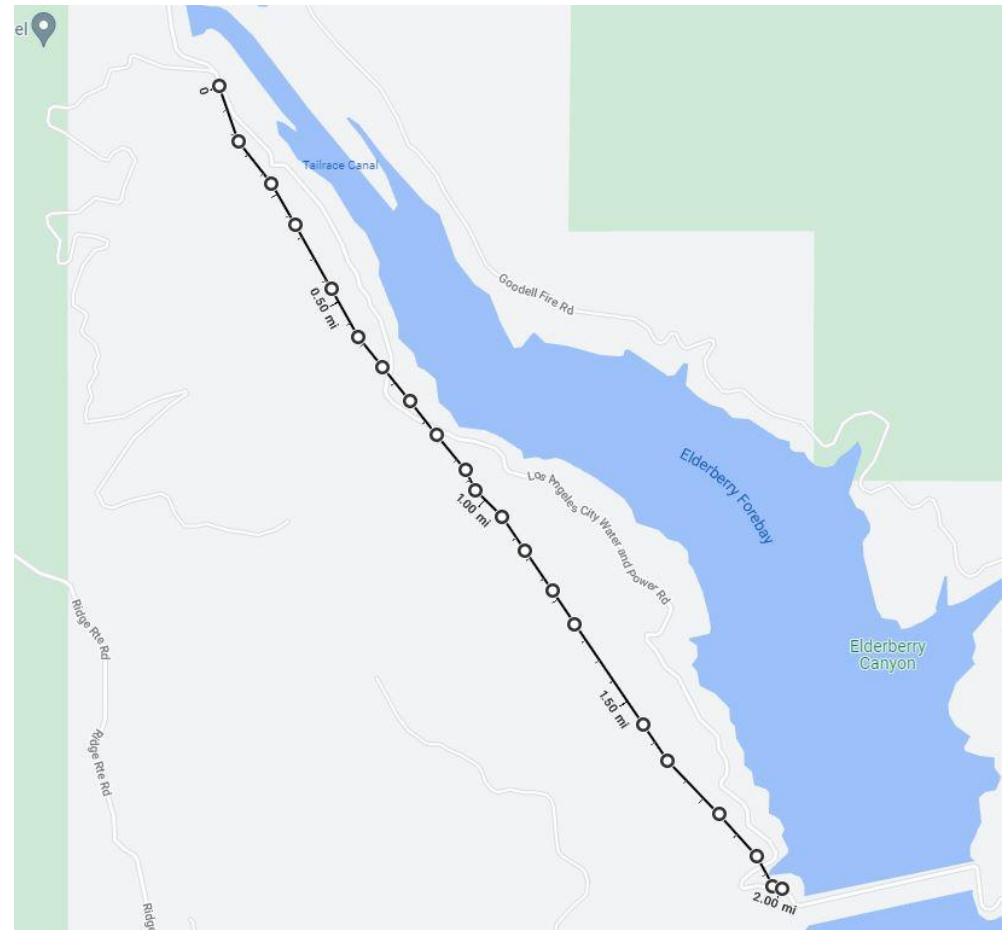


Figure 2. Map of powerline replacement within the Castaic Power Plant Facility, adjacent to the Elderberry Forebay.