

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400, 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 AGENCY AND APPLICANT ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT 12
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PROJECT TITLE Lower San Fernando Dam Low-Level Outlet Maintenance (2)	LOG REFERENCE N/A
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PROJECT LOCATION
15751 Rinaldi St., Los Angeles, CA 91344, please see the attached map for the precise project location.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
The Lower San Fernando Dam is located at the southern end of LADWP's Van Norman Complex. The dam has a low-level outlet that discharges into what LADWP refers to as San Fernando Creek. The creek receives flow from the Lower San Fernando Detention Basin and discharges into the Bull Creek Extension Channel. The total length of San Fernando Creek is approximately 1,265 feet. The channel width ranges 9-18 feet.

The State of California, Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), regulates dams, including out-of-service reservoirs, to prevent failure, safeguard life, and protect property. DSOD regularly inspects the Lower San Fernando Dam and has requested two actions be taken in their August 31st, 2022 inspection report, including the activity subject to this Notification. Per DSOD, vegetation is obstructing the low-level outlet and, thus, needs to be removed by November 1, 2022. This work is past due and needs to be completed as soon as possible to avoid safety issues.


The vegetation obstructing the outlet is dominated by southern cattail and a few arroyo willow trees with potential intruding roots adjacent to the outlet pipe. LADWP proposes to trim the vegetation approximately 25 feet back from the outlet and 25 feet across the width of the creek, temporarily impacting approximately 0.006 acres of southern cattail and 0.004 acres of arroyo willow. The cattail would be cut down to base using hand tools only. Water is present in the creek; however, maintenance activities will avoid the wetted portion of the creek. The cut vegetation would be transported offsite for disposal. Work will take approximately 2-3 days to complete.

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EXEMPT STATUS:		
	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE EIR GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. II	Sec. 2b Sec. 15073
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II	Sec. 2a(1) Sec. 15071(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II	Sec. 2a(2) & (3) Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II	Sec. 1 Sec. 15060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III	Sec. 1 Sec. 15300
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)		

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the maintenance at the outlet of the Lower San Fernando Dam is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1. Exemptions under Section 15301, Class one consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed vegetation maintenance activities at the Lower San Fernando Dam low-level outlet meet the requirements of the exemption; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE  Jane A. Hauptman	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE 03-30-2023
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY
		DATE

Lower San Fernando Dam Low-Level Outlet Maintenance Project

Overview Map



Google Earth

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Rinaldi St

1000 ft