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September 8, 2003

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Geotechnical Investigations for the North Haiwee Dam No. 2 Project

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as the lead agency, hereby gives notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Geotechnical Investigations for the North Haiwee Dam No. 2 Project.

Project Description:

This project involves excavation of trenches up to 300 feet long, up to 10 feet deep, and up to 20 feet wide in seven different locations in the vicinity of the existing North Haiwee Dam, and conducting a geotechnical boring program.

Project Purpose:

This project is needed to determine appropriate future actions regarding the proposed North Haiwee Dam No. 2 Project. The currently preferred alternative for the North Haiwee Dam No. 2 Project would involve construction of a new dam approximately 800 feet north of the existing dam, and realignment of a segment of the First Los Angeles Aqueduct.

Project Location:

The project site is generally located in Inyo County, at the southern end of Owens Valley and eastern toe of the Sierra Nevada. The project site is located immediately north of Haiwee Reservoir, east of Highway 395.

Potential Significant Impacts:

An Initial Study was prepared for the proposed project. Based on the findings in the Initial Study, there could be potentially significant impacts to air quality and to biological and cultural resources during the proposed geotechnical trenching and boring investigations. However, mitigation measures have been included in the Initial Study, which would reduce the potentially significant impacts to less than significant.

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Public Review Period:

The public review period of the Mitigated Negative Declaration would extend from September 18, 2003, to October 17, 2003. Written comments should be submitted to:

Mr. Charles C. Holloway
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Department of Water and Power
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Fax (213) 367-3582

Copies of the document are available for review at the Inyo County Clerk's Office (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), Lone Pine Branch Library (South Washington, Lone Pine), online at LADWP's website at <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp>, and by request (see contact information below).

Hearing:

The Board of Water and Power Commissioners is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the proposed project on November 18, 2003. Hearing information is as follows:

DATE: November 18, 2003
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: LADWP Board Room
111 N. Hope Street, 15th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please confirm the tentatively scheduled hearing date by checking the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp001675.jsp>, or by contacting Mr. Tom Dailor at (213) 367-0221.

If you have any questions or would like to request a copy of the document, please contact Mr. Dailor at (213) 367-0221.

Sincerely,

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