

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: June 20, 2019

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Copper Sulfate Application Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Copper Sulfate Application Project. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LADWP is the Lead Agency and is responsible for the preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would use copper sulfates to treat harmful aquatic vascular plants and algae at Alabama Gates, Merritt Cut, the North and South Haiwee Reservoirs, and other possible areas along concrete-lined area of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, as necessary, to protect drinking water supplies and its water distribution system from harmful toxic algae blooms. Copper sulfate would be applied in compliance with the project specific statewide General National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit and the approved Aquatic Pesticide Application Program approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. For treatment of the North or South Haiwee Reservoirs, the copper sulfate would be applied aurally via a helicopter. For treatment at Merritt Cut, Alabama Gates, or concrete-lined areas along the Los Angeles Aqueduct, small granules of copper sulfate would be applied directly into the treatment area through an auger feeder transported by truck to the site.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project proposes to apply copper sulfate to concrete-lined areas along the Los Angeles Aqueduct (particularly at Alabama Gates and Merritt Cut) and two reservoir locations (North Haiwee and South Haiwee Reservoirs) in Inyo County, California. The Alabama Gates is located on the Los Angeles Aqueduct approximately five miles north of Lone Pine, in the Owens Valley. North and South Haiwee Reservoirs are located approximately 28 miles south of Lone Pine, and Merritt Cut is located between the two reservoirs.

Pursuant to Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the project area does not include properties that are listed as hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts to biological resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant are also described in the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF INITIAL STUDY

The public review period commences on June 20, 2019 and concludes on July at 5:00 pm. A copy of the IS/MND is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP
Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Avenue, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Inyo County Free Library - Independence
Central Library
168 North Edwards Street
Independence, CA 93526

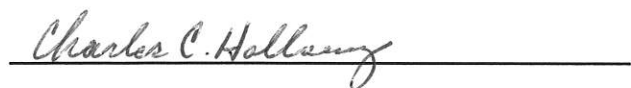
Lone Pine Library
PO Box 745
Lone Pine, CA 93514

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received via mail or email by **5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2019**.

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111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Ms. Nadia Parker
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All comments received related to issues discussed in 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 and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Nadia Parker at nadia.parker@ladwp.com or (213) 367-1745



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