

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 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/ APPLICANT AND ADDRESS: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT N/A
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PROJECT TITLE Tinemaha Dam Geotechnical Testing	LOG REFERENCE N/A
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PROJECT LOCATION
Tinemaha Reservoir is located in Inyo County, situated on the Owens River approximately 8 miles south of Big Pine, California. Please see attached map.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
LADWP proposes to conduct geotechnical testing, specifically with installation of eight (8) monitoring wells and two (2) testing wells in the vicinity of the Tinemaha Dam under the supervision of the Division of Safety of Dams. Built in the 1920s, there are several issues with the dam and appurtenant works which will eventually require replacement. The proposed geotechnical work will investigate the geology and hydrogeology surrounding the dam and reservoir and be used to inform how the dam will be replaced as a future project.

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EXEMPT STATUS (Check One)	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. II, Sec. 2b	Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15269
<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		Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
Section 15306 - Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

SIGNATURE Charles C. Holloway	TITLE Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE 10/28/2022
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