

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014071057

Project Title: Owens Lake Phases 9 and 10 Amendment 8 Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No.1600-2015-0045-R6.)

Project Location (Inyo): The Project is located in the Owens Lakebed, bounded by State Route 136 to the north and east, State Route 190 to the South, and US Highway 395 to the west, in the County of Inyo, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2015-0045-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

This Amendment authorizes one acre of impacts. This Amendment includes the installation of sand fences in Dust Control Areas (DCAs) T1A-3 and T32-2 and reseeding and planting of native species in T32-2. The proposed scope consists of 1) installation of one new row of 300 linear feet of tan colored sand fence in DCA T32-2, offset 10 to 20 feet from the existing row of sand fence to provide a second layer of protection from adjacent uncontrolled areas; 2) new installation of 9,320 linear feet of double row sand fence in DCA T1A-3 W and DCA T1A-3E along the entire perimeter of the western Gravel Cover (GC) area; and 3) new installation of 19,920 linear feet of double row sand fence along the western border of DCA T1A-3. The installation of new sand fences will consist of driving T-posts vertically four feet into the ground onto five-foot center posts. Sand fence fabric will be secured to T-posts by placing the fabric between the T-post and the dowel. New sand fences will be constructed using four-foot-tall, 50 percent porosity, UV-resistant mesh tan-colored material. This Amendment also includes reseeding and planting of native species in DCA T32-2 to increase vegetation cover.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on March 28, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Alisa Ellsworth Date: 3/28/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____