

Notice of Exemption

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To: [x] Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
(Address)
15095 Amargosa Road, Bldg 2, Ste 210, Victorville, CA 92394

[] County Clerk
County of

Project Title: Owens Lake High Flow Preparations Project

The Project is located at Owens Lake in Inyo County.

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Bartlett Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project is to implement preventative measures in order to protect dust mitigation infrastructure on Owens Lake due to high flows expected from the above average snowpack runoff in the eastern Sierra Nevada. Proposed measures include blocking an 18-inch culvert with plywood and sandbags. Then redirecting the flow with 2.5 miles of v-ditch. LADWP anticipates that the measures will remain in-place for a period of 6-8 months.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Exempt Status: (check one)

- [] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[x] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Water Board finds that the Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CCR, title 14, section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, for the minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tiffany Steinert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 241-7305

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/17/19 Executive Officer Title: Lahontan Regional Water Board

- [x] Signed by Lead Agency
[] Signed by Applicant

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