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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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Kathryn Laudeman
City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Silver lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Aeration
and Recirculation System Project –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2020050161
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03254
Vic. LA-2/PM: 14.185

Dear Kathryn Laudeman:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project’s Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The proposed project would be implemented within the LADWP-owned Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC), which comprises the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs. The reservoirs require an aeration and recirculation system to ensure that reasonable water quality parameters are met for visual aesthetics and controlling odors, consistent with the requirements of the SLRC Storage Replacement Project Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project would include the installation of a bubble plume aeration system and a recirculation pipe system to ensure oxygenation and destratification of the reservoirs, allowing for the mixing of the reservoir water to maintain oxygen levels throughout the reservoirs. The proposed project would be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 would include installation of an aeration system. Phase 2 would include the installation of a recirculation system. Phase 2 also includes the installation of two concrete plugs, which are barriers that would be installed to contain all recirculating water within the vicinity of the SLRC to avoid potential flooding of the Rowena-Ivanhoe pipeline.

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After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

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As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

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If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2020-03254

Sincerely,

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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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