

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Haiwee Creek Arizona Crossing (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0228-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located on Haiwee Creek, a tributary to Rose Valley Playa, eight miles wouth of the unincorporated community of Olancho, Inyo County, California. The Project is located in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Section 14 of the U.S. Geological Survey Coso Junction 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map: 413906 E 39996628 N UTM Zone 11.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing an amendment for the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0228-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), represented by Adam Perez.

The amendment includes 1) using Articulated Concrete Blocks (ACB) instead of concrete and rip-rap to construct the Arizona low-water crossing and 2) the addition of a 91' X 61' ACB area to protect an existing penstock during large run-off events. The amendment will result in an additional 0.12 acres of permanent impacts, totaling 0.15 acres, to areas subject to Fish and Game Code 1602 resources.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Class 1, § 15301 (b), Existing facilities; Class IV, § 15304, Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1, § 15301 (b) Existing facilities: the Project will include installation of ACB to protect and existing Penstock structure that serves to deliver water to a hydroelectric plant; Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations to Land: the Project will result in minimal impacts to the condition of the land will not result in the removal of any woody vegetation.

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