

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: Los Angeles

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**From:** (Public Agency): Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Southern San Fernando Basin Wellfield Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Project Location - Specific:

**Southern San Fernando Basin Well Fields; see attached map.**

Project Location - City: Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

**Please see Attachment A for further information.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LADWP

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: LADWP

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

**Please see Attachment A for further information.**

Lead Agency James R. Howe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367-0414

**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

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Date: 2021.03.10 14:01:20  
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Planning and Assessment

Charles C. Holloway

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment A Project Description and CEQA Exemption**

### ***Project Description:***

The Southern San Fernando Basin Wellfield Project will gather data to support a Remedial Investigation (RI) Site Characterization Study of the Southern San Fernando Basin (Basin) Well Fields in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance. The scope of work for the Project represents the preliminary planning phase only. The goal is to gather the data necessary to develop and evaluate potential remedial alternatives to releases of hazardous substances in groundwater that are adversely affecting the beneficial uses of groundwater and the basin as a whole. With this Project, LADWP will complete planning activities associated with the Project, including gathering of existing data from internal and external sources, monitoring and production well sampling, data analysis, siting and drilling of potential new wells to fill data gaps, groundwater modeling, community involvement activities, and preparation of a Remedial Investigation Site Characterization Study. It will consider basin-wide information that has already been gathered and fill data gaps identified throughout the course of the study, in order to provide a more complete understanding of water quality and flow dynamics throughout the basin.

### ***Reasons why project is exempt:***

#### ***Categorical Exemption, Section 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection)***

CEQA Guidelines 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. Therefore, further review under CEQA is not required.

#### ***Statutory Exemption, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)***

CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 indicates that a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities. Therefore, further review under CEQA is not required.

# Attachment B: Area and Vicinity Map

