

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Routine Maintenance Activities for the Lower Owens River Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2008-0146-R6)

Project Location: Lower Owens River and ditches, Blackrock Waterfowl Habitat Area (BWhA) and several off-river lakes and ponds within the Lower Owens River Project (LORP) area, south of the city of Big Pine and Highway 168, north of Owens (dry) Lake, east of U.S. Route 395, west of the Inyo Mountain Range, within the sphere of influence of the Cities of Big Pine, Independence and Lone Pine, in Inyo County, and within the Blackrock, Independence, Union Wash, and Lone Pine, California USGS quadrangles.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending the executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2008-0146-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, as represented by Adam Perez. The amendment to the Agreement includes adding language to Measure 14(C) to allow for the removal of tules in the Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area after the units have been drawn down.

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. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Type – Class 2; California Code or Regulation, title 14, section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: Operations, maintenance, and replacement of existing facilities are subject to Class 1 and 2.

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