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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD AGENCY/ APPLICANT AND ADDRESS:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> N/A
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> Mono Basin Temporary Urgency Change Petition June-July 2024	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> N/A
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
Grant Lake, Mono County, CA. 37.861800, -119.106123. See attached map.

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
A Temporary Urgency Change Petition is requested to change operations in the Mono Basin from June 17, 2024 through July 3, 2024 (17 days). LADWP Operations will deviate from the flow requirements of Amended Licenses 10191 and 10192, due to an operational limitation on flows which can be released safely. Specifically, malfunction of the Grant Lake outlet valve is leading to cavitation in an unsafe manner above 175 cubic feet per second (cfs), which cannot be remediated prior to the requested change date. Cavitation, the rapid collapse of a bubble or void, pits metal and causes heavy vibration leading to substantial wear and tear on valves and pipes which can lead to equipment failure over an extended period of time. Therefore, safe release of flows under 175 cfs is being requested. The total volume of flow over the snowmelt period will not be modified with this request. The Mono Basin Stream Monitoring Team determined that this Petition for Change, if approved, will not result an impact on fish, wildlife or instream uses.

<b>CONTACT PERSON</b> Marshall Styers	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 367-3541	<b>EXT.</b>
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**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES Art. II, Sec. 2b	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15269
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3)	Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)		

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Section 15301, Class 1 consists of the operation repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing or former use. The proposal for Mono Basin Temporary Operation Petition; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

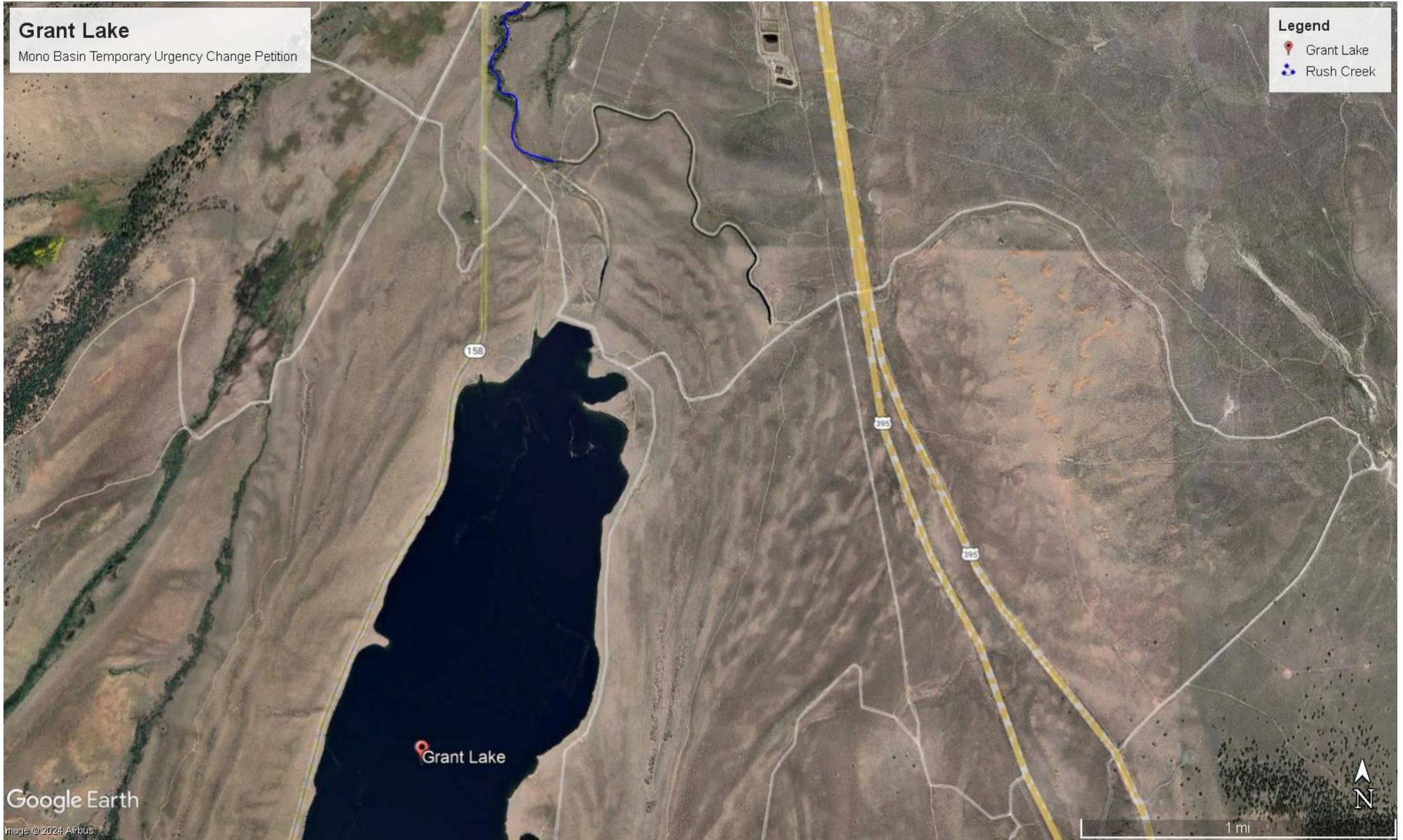
<b>SIGNATURE</b>  Jane Hauptman		<b>TITLE:</b> Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment		<b>DATE</b> 3/27/2024	
<b>FEE:</b> N/a	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>		<b>DATE</b>	

# Grant Lake

Mono Basin Temporary Urgency Change Petition

## Legend

- Grant Lake
- Rush Creek



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