

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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.

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814	TO: Inyo County Clerk Recorder 168 N. Edwards St. Independence, CA 93526
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FROM (LEAD AGENCY AND APPLICANT ADDRESS):

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PROJECT TITLE: South Haiwee Fiber Optic Line Install Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 36.1400887, -117.9735363	CITY: Olancha	COUNTY: Inyo
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DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to enhance the reliability and efficiency of communication infrastructure at the South Haiwee Dam by installing a fiber optic line that will connect to existing conduit at Highway 395 and extend eastward along the north shoulder of South Haiwee Reservoir Road for approximately one mile. Construction activities will include plowing a narrow trench, six to twelve inches wide and between 24 to 36 inches deep, to accommodate a 1.25-inch duct. The project will support operational needs and improve service for the South Haiwee Dam and all work will be restored to pre-construction conditions upon completion.

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EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption	SECTION: 15303(d) 15304(f)
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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Section 15303, Class 3 consists of the installation of small new equipment. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to the installation of small new equipment including (d) water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. Section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Examples include but are not limited include (f) minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

LEAD AGENCY SIGNATURE:  Jane A. Hauptman	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	DATE: 5/5/2025
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