

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE ADELANTO-RINALDI LINE 1 UPGRADE PROJECT**

Date: July 1, 2025

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 Upgrade Project

This Notice of Intent has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15073 to notify agencies, interested parties, and members of the public that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to CEQA for the proposed Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 Upgrade Project (proposed project). The IS/MND is available for public review and comment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project involves ampacity upgrades of the Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 (ADL-RIN L1) transmission line to increase its capacity from its current rating of 500 kilovolts (kV) at 1593 Amperes (A)/1593A (continuous/emergency) to approximately 500 kV at 1680A/1965A. The ampacity upgrade requires ground clearance grading and tower raises to be compliant with transmission line safety and reliability standards. The location of the proposed project is along ADL-RIN L1, an existing 500 kV overhead transmission line located in the northern portion of Los Angeles County.

The proposed project would be required to comply with the California Public Utilities Commission's General Order 95 Clearance Code Requirements as mandated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). Achieving this height consistency is necessary to ensure the distance between the transmission line conductors and the ground or road surface below is sufficient to meet code requirements guiding the safe and reliable operation of transmission lines. LADWP proposes to comply with the code clearances by grading the ground surface of the area underneath the transmission lines at nine work areas to achieve height consistency per NERC requirements. Additionally, LADWP has identified eight locations where towers would be raised by approximately ten to twenty feet to achieve height consistency.

The total acreage of grading would be approximately 3.74 acres, and the total acreage of tower raising activities would be an additional 1.44 acres along a 45-mile span. The proposed project would involve improvements to portions of existing access roads to be used for site access, equipment staging and storage, and distribution of excavated soils. The project would primarily be located on LADWP fee-owned property.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is scattered along an approximately 45-mile span of the Adelanto-Rinaldi transmission line, extending between the San Fernando Valley of the City of Los Angeles and the

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southern extent of the Antelope Valley. The proposed project occurs in the northern half of Los Angeles County and generally straddles the Transverse Ranges through the Santa Clara River Valley, Soledad Canyon, and Sierra Pelona Mountains.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on July 1, 2025, and conclude on August 4, 2025. The IS/MND is available for review at the location listed below and may be accessed electronically and/or downloaded by scanning the QR Code or by visiting the following website: <https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>.



Please submit your comments to the address or email listed below on or before August 4, 2025:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Corporate Environmental Affairs Division
Environmental Planning and Assessment
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Ms. Jazmin Martin
Email: Jazmin.Martin@ladwp.com

All comment letters or emails received related to the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at <https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>.

The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access Board agendas at <https://www.ladwpcommission.com> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

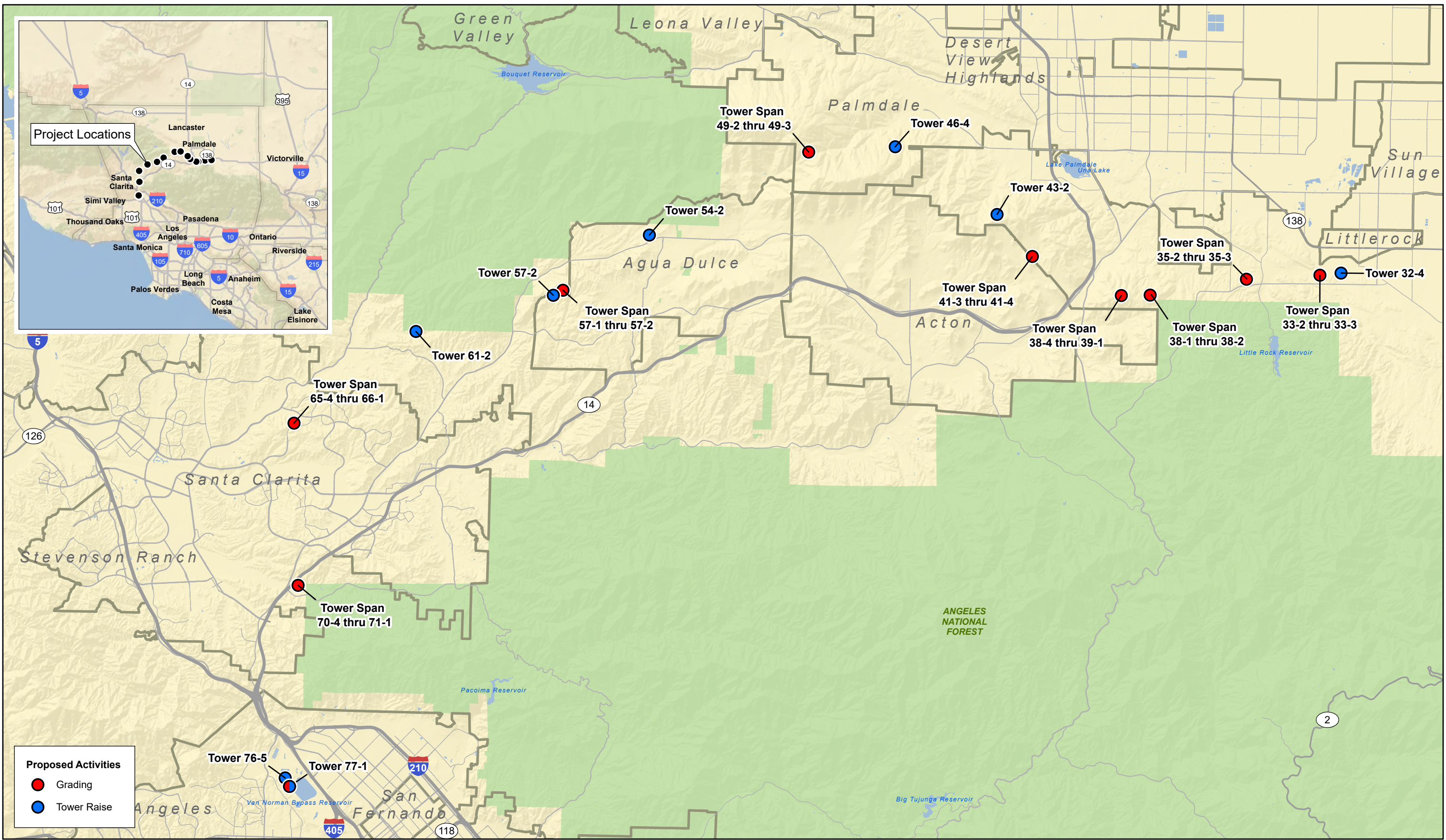
Please note, LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Hauptman".

Jane Hauptman
Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

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Adelanto-Rinaldi Line 1 Upgrade Project

Regional Location/Local Vicinity Map

