

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles

(Address)

Project Title: Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation Operation and Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation and Environment

Project Location - Specific:

751 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation Operations and Maintenance Project [herein referred to as "proposed Project" or "Project"] is proposed to be undertaken by the City of Los Angeles (City), as a joint endeavor between the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), and City Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). Specifically, the proposed Project, is an operations and maintenance (O&M) project involving ongoing O&M activities at Echo Park Lake (Lake) to maintain habitat, implement structural best management practices (BMPs), and ensure the proper functionality of the lake, which serves as a detention basin for flood control purposes. The activities include landscaping, trash removal, sediment removal, aquatic vegetation management, wildlife management, and water quality monitoring.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation and Environment

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: State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (h) and (i)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (h) and (i), Existing Facilities for operation, maintenance of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (CEQA 2025). The proposed Project does not include the expansion of the existing facilities, as the proposed Project seeks to provide continued maintenance and upkeep to the Lake, to provide for the most beneficial uses to the Lake's visitors, wildlife, plants and aquatic features.


Lead Agency

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**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

Signature:  Date: 03/13/2026 Title: Environmental Supervisor

■ 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.

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