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Encino Reservoir Floating Solar Pilot Project
SCH# 2025120093
Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Norris:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Mitigate Negative Declaration (MND) for the Encino Reservoir Floating Solar Pilot Project, submitted by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which describes plans to construct a 10-acre floating solar panel array on the southwest portion of Encino Reservoir.

Based on the plans provided in the submitted MND, the proposed project does not meet the criteria to be subject to State jurisdiction. If changes to the design of the project affect or come within 10 feet of the footprint of Encino Dam, it may be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. In the event the project will result in State jurisdictional work, an alteration application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with DSOD prior to proceeding with the project.

If an application is required, all dam safety related issues must be satisfactorily addressed prior to our approval of the application and all work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Our Design Engineering Branch Manager Ian Maki is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7795.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

Brandon Cruz

Brandon Cruz, P.E.
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cc: (See Attached List.)

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