

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 Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

TO:

Los Angeles County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

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: Santa Ynez Reservoir Cover Replacement – Contingency Plan**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Topanga State Park

CITY:

Los Angeles

COUNTY:

Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

LADWP's Santa Ynez Reservoir must be drained and taken out of service to replace the damaged floating cover. LADWP is proposing a contingency plan to establish a temporary alternative water supply to the Pacific Palisades area as a precautionary measure while the reservoir is not in service. The proposed contingency plan involves the temporary laydown of a 10-inch diameter high pressure hose between Temescal Tank (located in Pacific Palisades) and Corbin Tank (located in Topanga), a distance of approximately 6 miles. In the event of an emergency, the Corbin Tank would supply water to the Temescal Tank via the 10-inch hose and three diesel fueled portable pumps. The pumps will be staged at Corbin Tank and will only be deployed and operated for performance testing and in the event of an emergency. The temporary hose is expected to remain in place until the new cover is installed and the reservoir is refilled, estimated to take 9 months. By implementing this contingency plan, LADWP will ensure that adequate water supply to the Pacific Palisades area is maintained in the event of an emergency.

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EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemption

SECTION:

PRC 21080(b)(2) and (b)(4)
CEQA Guidelines 15269(b) and (c)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

Governor Gavin Newsom's March 2025 Executive Order N-24-25 concluded that strict compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and certain permitting requirements would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the January 2025 Pacific Palisades Fire and the restoration of essential public infrastructure. Additionally, in accordance with CEQA, the project is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) and (b)(4), which exempt emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service and actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The project is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c), which exempt repairs to public facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety and welfare, and actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

LEAD AGENCY SIGNATURE:

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Jane A. Hauptman

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DATE:

12/15/2025

Santa Ynez Reservoir Cover Replacement

Contingency Plan: Temporary laydown of 10-inch hose to provide water from Corbin Tank to Temescal Tank while reservoir is out of service

Legend

-  10-inch Hose Route
-  Pump
-  Water Tank

