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111 N. HOPE STREET, ROOM 1044
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

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.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:	**COUNCIL DISTRICT**
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	N/A
PROJECT TITLE Grant Lake Outlet Valve Replacement Geotechnical Evaluation	**LOG REFERENCE** N/A

PROJECT LOCATION
Grant Lake (37.862630, -119.104615)

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
LADWP proposes to conduct a geotechnical investigation to inform planning and design for the replacement of the malfunctioning Grant Lake outlet valve and for the outlet tunnel gate replacement. Geotechnical borings are necessary to understand the geomorphology of the project area and support project development. LADWP proposes to explore the subsurface materials utilizing sonic drilling methods. Sonic drilling can be used in various soil types, including sands, gravels, and glacial tills, and can also be used to core bedrock. A total of 14 sonic borings are proposed, two of which may be converted into groundwater monitoring wells. The field investigation includes two sonic borings over water in the reservoir using a barge or other watercraft, with the other twelve boreholes along the dam access road and west of the existing shaft and shaft house adjacent to the lake. Drill cuttings will be drummed and disposed of properly offsite. LADWP estimates the borehole drilling process to begin in September 2026 and continue until the end of November 2026.

CONTACT PERSON	**AREA CODE**	**TELEPHONE NUMBER**	**EXT.**
Marshall Cyr	213	367-3541	

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
____ MINISTERIAL	Art. II, Sec. 2b	Sec. 15268
____ DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	Sec. 15269
____ EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2a(2) & (3)	Sec. 15071(b) & (c)
____ GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15060
__x__ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300
____ OTHER See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b)4		

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6, consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The proposed project meets the requirements of these exemptions; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE	TITLE:	DATE
Martina J. Parker Jane Hauptman	Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	7/31/26

FEE: N/a	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk (2) City Clerk (3) Agency Record
Form Gen. 153 (9/91) (Appendix A)


Grant Lake Geotechnical Boreholes
Legend
Borehole
Borehole Location
Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway
158
Google Earth
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2000 ft