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TYPE OF PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Replacement of Lone Pine town supply well W344

Check Document being Filed:

- ◯ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ◯ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ⓧ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ◯ Other (Please fill in type):

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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	**LOG REFERENCE**
Replacement of Lone Pine town supply well W344	N/A

PROJECT LOCATION
Lone Pine (36.604476, -118.070913)

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
Domestic water for the town of Lone Pine is currently supplied by two town supply wells, W344 and W346. Well W344 is typically operated in winter months due to lower water demands and has a pumping capacity of 2.1 cubic feet per second (cfs). The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) maintains and operates both wells (located on LADWP property) for Inyo County Water Department. Inyo County utilizes this well water to provide domestic water for the town of Lone Pine. An inspection of W344 found evidence of well casing deterioration including enlarged casing openings, elliptical well shape, bulged casing, and thick material buildup. From this inspection it has been determined that the casing of W344 is deteriorating and is susceptible to collapse, which could render the town of Lone Pine without a backup well for domestic water.

To maintain reliable water supply for the town of Lone Pine, LADWP is proposing to construct a replacement town supply well, named W433. This replacement town supply well will be located at the same site, within the same wellfield, and pump from the same aquifers as the existing well W344 and remain on LADWP owned property. W433 will be constructed with an 18-inch diameter casing and screen using high-strength/low-alloy steel, as is the current industry standard for municipal wells allowing easier well and pump maintenance. Well W433 will be screened at the same intervals (between 70-144 feet and 235-390 feet) as the existing well W344, which will ensure that the replacement well will draw from the same aquifers as the existing well W344. The pumping capacity of well W433 will be equal to or less than 2.1 cfs, the same as existing well W344, and will exclusively provide water to Inyo County Water District for domestic water supply for the town of Lone Pine. Thus, replacement well W433 will have the same purpose and substantially the same capacity as the well structure it replaces. After activation of the replacement well W433, the existing well W344 will be either abandoned or converted to a monitoring well.

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 15301, Class 1 and Section 15302, Class 2. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing or former use. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. In addition to qualifying for the Class 1 and 2 Categorical Exemptions, the replacement well does not trigger any of the exceptions to those exemptions—e.g., no cumulative effects, scenic resources, hazardous waste sites, mapped resources of hazardous or critical concern, unusual circumstances, or historical resources.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE	TITLE:	DATE
Eduardo Cuevas Eduardo Cuevas	Acting Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	8/31/26

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

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Figure 1 – Locations of existing well W344 and replacement W433 in Lone Pine Wellfield