

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: September 20, 2017

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Well 385R Pumping Test Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared an Initial Study for the Well 385R Pumping Test Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, LADWP intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). LADWP is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project.

Project Location: W385R is located in the Five Bridges Area of Inyo County, California, in the northern portion of the Owens Valley. Access to the well location is via U.S. Highway (U.S.) 395. The well site is located on the Fish Slough 7.5 minute U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle and the latitude/longitude of the approximate center of the area is 37.41837°N / -118.403184°W (North American Datum 1983 UTM Zone 11N). The nearest development is Bishop, approximately 3 miles south of the well site.

Project Description: LADWP proposes to conduct a 2 month pumping test of W385R. Data from the pumping test will be used to calibrate the groundwater model for the Bishop/Laws Wellfield, and to document that Wells 385R and 386R are functionally distinct from original Wells 385 and 386. Approximately 2.8 cfs will be pumped continuously from W385R and discharged through the Fish Slough channel to the Owens River. The pumping test is proposed for November 2017 through January 2018. No construction is required to conduct the pumping test.

Environmental Effects: The Initial Study does not describe any potentially significant impacts of the proposed project. Mitigation measures have therefore not been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant are described in the Initial Study.

Hazardous Waste Disclosure

Per Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Public Review of the Initial Study: The public review period commences on September 22, 2017 and concludes on October 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm. A copy of the Initial Study is

posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP
111 North Hope Street, Room
1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

LADWP
300 Mandich Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Bishop Library
210 Academy
Avenue
Bishop, CA 93514

Public Comments: During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the Initial Study may be submitted. Comments must be submitted by October 23, 2017. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Ms. Jane Hauptman

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Jane Hauptman at Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com or (213) 367-0968.

Sincerely,



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