

Notice of Availability

Notice of Recession of Mitigated Negative Declaration for a Project Titled, “Re-irrigation and Type E Transfer on the Laws Ranch Lease”

and

Notice of Commencement of Public Review of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a Project Titled, “Irrigation Project in the Laws Area”

March 17, 2003

On January 14, 2003, the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (“LADWP”) released a mitigated negative declaration for public review. The project addressed in the negative declaration was titled, “Re-irrigation and Type E Transfer on the Laws Ranch Lease.” Also, on January 14, 2003, LADWP filed a “Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal” form for the same project.

Subsequent to the release of the mitigated negative declaration, LADWP and the County of Inyo have agreed to modifications in the project. As a result of these modifications, the title of the project has been changed to, “Irrigation Project in the Laws Area,” and a new mitigated negative declaration that addresses the modified project has been prepared.

Under the proposed project, 1,518 acres will be irrigated in the Laws area and an additional 233 acres in the Laws area will be revegetated. Under the project, it is expected that irrigation will commence during the 2003 growing season (April 1 to September 30, 2003).

Because of the modifications in the original project, and the preparation of a new mitigated negative declaration, LADWP will not consider the mitigated negative declaration released on January 14, 2003. Instead, LADWP and the County of Inyo will consider the new mitigated negative declaration that addresses the “Irrigation Project in the Laws Area.” In regard to the mitigated negative declaration, LADWP will serve as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and the County of Inyo will serve as a Responsible Agency.

A thirty-day public review period of the mitigated negative declaration that addresses the project titled, “Irrigation Project in the Laws Area” will commence on March 17, 2003 and will conclude on April 15, 2003. Comments on the mitigated negative declaration may be submitted to:

Clarence E. Martin
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
300 Mandich Street
Bishop, California 93514

In order to be considered, comments on the mitigated negative declaration must be received at the above address by 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2003. **Copies of the mitigated negative declaration are available from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at the above address or by calling 760-872-1104.**