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To: Interested Persons, Agencies, and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Projects at Baker Creek and Hogback Creek in Inyo County, SCH No. 2005102126

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq., the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Projects at Baker Creek and Hogback Creek in Inyo County.

Project Description: The proposed project provides for the planting and establishment of riparian vegetation; grazing practices that are compatible with riparian vegetation; continued recreational use of the sites with safeguards for resource protection; and a suite of monitoring and adaptive management protocols to guide the enhancement plans over the life of the project.

Project Location: The proposed enhancement projects are located at two sites within Inyo County, the Baker Creek site and the Hogback Creek site. The Baker Creek site is located approximately one mile west of the community of Big Pine. The Hogback Creek site is located seven miles north of the community of Lone Pine.

Public Review Period: The public review period for the DEIR extends from January 31, 2006 to March 17, 2006. The DEIR is available for review on line at http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp. The document is also available for review at the following location:

Bishop Branch Library 210 Academy Street Bishop, CA 93514

Comments on the DEIR must be submitted in writing and received no later than 5:00 p.m., March 17, 2006. Please address all comments to Mr. Charles C. Holloway at 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Mr. Holloway at (213) 367-4710.

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