

# Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # 2019099105

Lead Agency: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Project Title: Path 46 Transmission Line Clearance Project

Project Location: Victorville, Barstow, and Baker

San Bernardino

*City*

*County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing the Path 46 Transmission Line Clearance Project to restore ground-to-conductor clearances that are out of compliance with transmission line safety and reliability standards. The project is located along three existing overhead transmission line alignments in San Bernardino County near Victorville, Barstow, and Baker, California: the 500 kilovolt McCullough-Victorville Lines 1 and 2 and the 287 kilovolt Mead-Victorville Line 1. LADWP proposes to comply with the code clearances by grading underneath transmission lines at 68 work areas and installing barricades at two locations. The total acreage of grading would be 7.8 acres. In two locations where grading is infeasible, LADWP would raise existing transmission towers, resulting in an additional 3.7 acres of temporary disturbance.

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

- Impacts to special-status vegetation: MM-BIO-1 (avoidance of special-status and protected plants; biological monitoring; restoration; and transplanting of larger perennial protected plants when avoidance is not possible)
- Impacts to special-status wildlife: MM-BIO-1 (minimize impacts to special-status wildlife habitat; restoration), MM-BIO-2 (ground disturbance mitigation for protected areas and desert tortoise critical habitat), MM-BIO-3 (desert tortoise protections, including preconstruction surveys and monitoring), MM-BIO-4 (avoidance and protection of nesting birds and raptors, including preconstruction surveys), MM-BIO-5 (golden eagle nest protections), MM-BIO-6 (avoidance and protection of California Species of Special Concern, specifically desert kit fox, American badger, and burrowing owl)
- Impacts to riparian habitat: MM-BIO-1 (limit impacts outside of designated construction areas, habitat restoration)
- Impacts to nesting and foraging habitat for migratory birds and raptors: MM-BIO-4 (avoidance and protection of nesting birds and raptors, including preconstruction surveys and avoidance) and MM-BIO-5 (golden eagle nest protections)
- Conflicts with habitat conservation plans: MM-BIO-1, MM-BIO-2, MM-BIO-3, MM-BIO-4, MM-BIO-5, and MM-BIO-6 (ensure consistency with policies from applicable conservation plans: West Mojave Plan, Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Management Plan, and Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan)
- Impacts to archaeological resources: MM-CUL-1 (construction worker training from a qualified archaeologist), MM-CUL-2 (archaeological and tribal monitoring), and MM-CUL-3 (proper treatment for unanticipated archaeological finds)
- Impacts to paleontological resources: MM-CUL-5 (appointment of a qualified professional paleontologist for the project), MM-CUL-6 (paleontological monitoring), and MM-CUL-7 (proper treatment for paleontological finds)
- Impacts to human remains: MM-CUL-4 (proper treatment for unanticipated discovery of human remains)
- Impacts to tribal cultural resources: MM-CUL-1, MM-CUL-2, MM-CUL-3, and MM-CUL-4 (protect unanticipated finds)

If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

- Potential for clearance activities to impact wildlife or special-status plant species
- Potential for clearance activities to impact resources within Areas of Critical Environmental Concern designated by the Bureau of Land Management
- Potential for clearance activities to impact known cultural sites or features
- Potential for clearance activities to temporarily impact recreational activities within the Stoddard Valley Off-Highway-Vehicle Area
- Potential for clearance activities to temporarily impact grazing within existing active cattle allotments managed by the Bureau of Land Management

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- Bureau of Land Management
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers