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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, 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.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADPW) 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b>
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> Middle Gorge Pole Replacement Project	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b>
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
5 miles northwest of Bishop, in Inyo and Mono Counties, east of U.S. 395 and west of the Owens River Gorge

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to replace a portion of its Bishop-Long Valley sub-transmission line because of the age and condition of the existing poles. The Middle Gorge power poles are 30-40 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy.

The Middle Gorge power line includes about 130 poles along a 4 mile alignment. Approximately 104 of these power poles are on BLM land. These poles would be removed and replaced. The project would occur in phases. The first phase would involve removing 29 existing wood poles along the north end of the alignment and replacing them with 26 new wood poles. Future phases of the project are to be determined.


Pole removal and installation work will be performed using an auger and boom truck. Trucks will access the work site by driving along old access roads and two-lane tracks. The old road will be improved to comply with the inspection requirements of General Order No. 165.

<b>CONTACT PERSON</b> Christopher Lopez	<b>AREA CODE   TELEPHONE NUMBER   EXT.</b> 213-367-3509
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**EXEMPT STATUS:**  
Categorical Exemption

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
The proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2(c) – Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>  Charles C. Holloway	<b>TITLE:</b> Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment	<b>DATE</b> 4/30/2020
<b>FEE: \$0.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>
		<b>DATE</b>

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk (2) City Clerk (3) Agency Record  
Form Gen. 153 (9/91) (Appendix A)

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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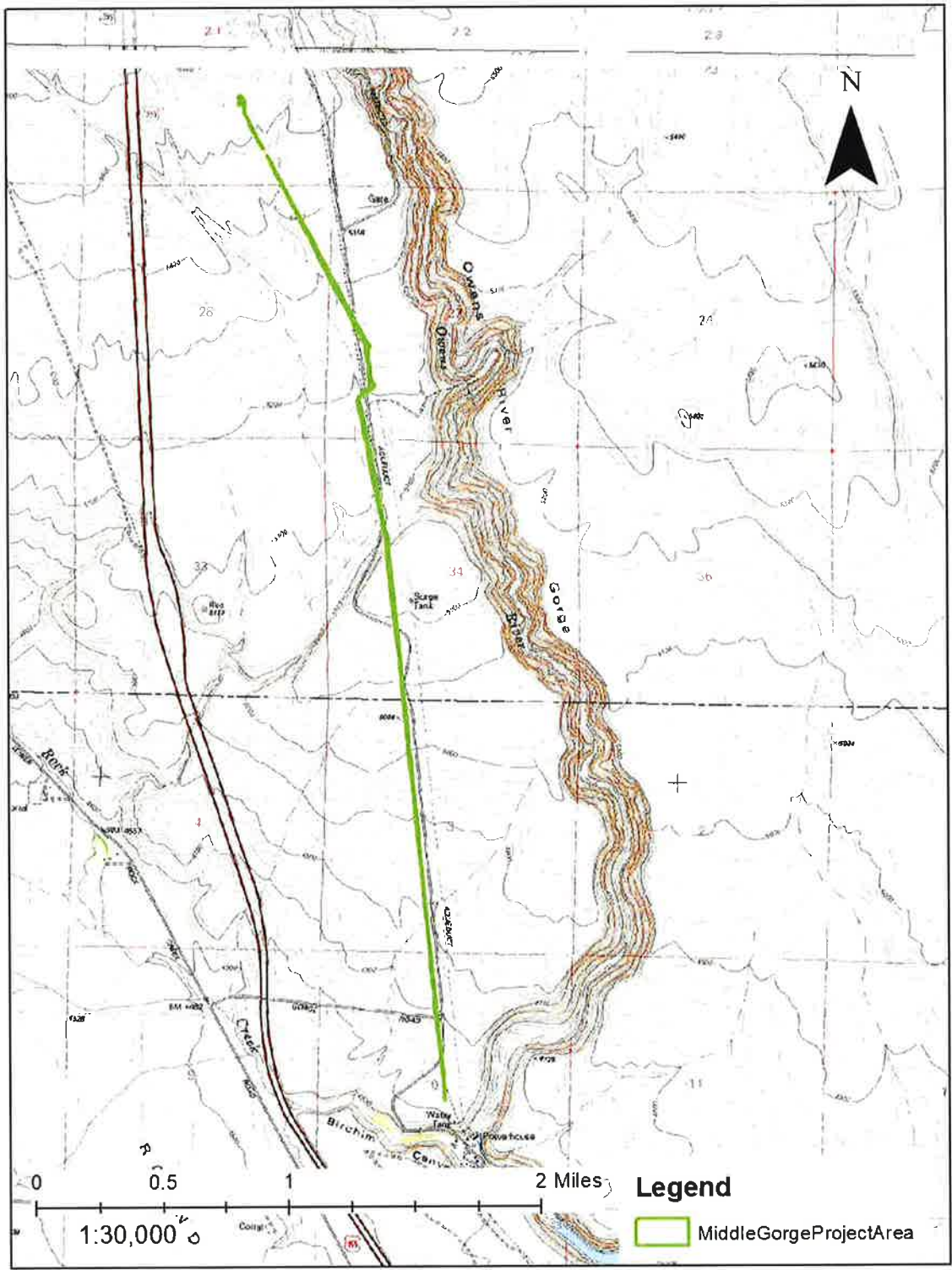


Figure 2. Project Location on USGS Quadrangle Maps

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MIDDLE GORGE POWER POLE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
BLM AGREEMENT NO. CA21736  
LADWP AGREEMENT NO. PL-241



### LEGEND

- ◆ = Found Monument as Described.
  - = POWER/COMAL LINE.
  - ▨ = LOS ANGELES DWP PROPERTY.
- DATUM: NAD 83, ZONE 4, GEOID BOW, 63 ADJ.  
ALL DISTANCES ARE BIRD, USE SCALE FACTOR  
1.0001810024 FOR GROUND DISTANCE.

Poles to be replaced

