

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Kern

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From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

111 North Hope Street, Room 1044

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Beacon Liquified Air Energy Storage Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Project Location - Specific:

Within Mojave Desert region of unincorporated eastern Kern County, along the State Route 14 Corridor.
Located 5 miles from the northern boundary of California City and 14 miles northeast of the town of Mojave.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Kern County Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The pilot project allows LADWP to evaluate the compatibility of this long duration energy storage technology with the electricity grid. Project would provide up to 50 MW of energy storage with a discharge of up to 10 hours. Project would be located on an LADWP-owned property, adjacent to existing electric infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LADWP

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: LADWP

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, Class 1; 15311, Class 11
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 (Existing Facilities) applies to the project as it would be located on an LADWP property that would allow, through the use of existing infrastructure, greater flexibility in storing and discharging electricity into the grid to support the existing LADWP energy facilities in the area. Class 11 (Accessory Structures) applies to the project as it would function as a minor accessory to the operations of Beacon Collector Substation by providing up to 50 MW of energy storage.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: James R. Howe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367-0414

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Charles C. Holloway Date: 01/08/2021 Title: Manager, Environmental Planning and Assessment

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Regional Map



