## CITY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ROOM 395, CITY HALL LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

## **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.					
LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:	COUNCIL DISTRICT				
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADPW)	5 – Paul Koretz				
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044	5 – Paul Koleiz				
Los Angeles, CA 90012					
PROJECT TITLE	LOG REFERENCE				
Encino Microfiltration Plant Recommissioning Project	N/A				
PROJECT LOCATION					
	4500 Encino Ave, Los Angeles, CA 91316				
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:					
The purpose of this project is to conduct the necessary equipment and process upgrades to recommission the Encino Microfiltration Plant (MFP). The Encino MFP is intended to operate as an unmanned facility. A DWSP (Domestic Water Supply Permit) amendment was added in order to increase operation from 6.5 million gallons per day (10 cubic feet per second) to 10 million gallons per day (15 cubic feet per second). The Encino MFP will be used as a stand-by source to be utilized only in the event of elevated reservoir levels. Department of Drinking Water (DDW) has also indicated that it may allow a temporary chlorine-chloramine interface zone during emergency operation of the microfiltration plant when reservoir elevations need to be controlled. Scope of Work: The operational upgrade is a replace in kind of the existing filter membrane. The Encino MFP consists of Caustic and Sodium Bisulfite metering systems. These systems fall under the Clean in Place categorization. The existing Ammonia Treatment system will not be utilized at this time. Relevant Work will include: repair and maintenance of the air compressor, dehumidifier system, the Caustic ClP recirculation pump. Work will also include recovery of membrane modules, replacement of mechanical seals, and demolition of existing skid mounted filter modules. Project Construction is expected to begin in March/April of 2021. LADWP has made a commitment to the DDW to have the Encino MFP operational by the end of 2021/middle of 2022.					
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)					
CITY CEQA	STATE EIR				
GUIDELINE					
MINISTERIAL Art. II, Sec. 2					
DECLARED EMERGENCY Art. II, Sec. 2					
EMERGENCY PROJECT Art. II, Sec. 2					
GENERAL EXEMPTION Art. II, Sec. 1					
X CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION Art. III, Sec.	1 Sec. 15300				
OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080(b) and set forth state and city guidelines provision)					

## JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

In accordance with CEQA, it has been determined that the recommissioning of the Encino MFP – with no change to existing use or intent, is exempt pursuant to the Categorical Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING			
SIGNATURE Nadia F Cha	Parker Date: 2021.03.02 Parkes C. Holloway	TITLE: Manager of Environmental Assessment	DATE
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE

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

