

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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**GENERAL LEASE – PUBLIC AGENCY USE**

**APPLICANTS:**

City of Los Angeles  
Department of Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

County of Inyo  
P.O. Box 337  
135 South Jackson Street  
Independence, CA 93526

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Sovereign land in the dry lake bed of Owens Lake, Inyo County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Conduct aquifer tests at three existing production well sites.

**LEASE TERM:**

Two years, beginning October 27, 2011.

**CONSIDERATION:**

No monetary consideration will be charged as the information collected will result in a public benefit; the State reserves the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

**SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:**

1. Water extraction for any purpose other than for information collection as described in Lessees' application dated September 2011 is prohibited.
2. Pursuant to the Letter of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the County of Inyo for the collection of data relating to Owens Lake groundwater, any adverse impact resulting from the pumping test shall be mitigated at LADWP's sole expense.

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the County of Inyo (County) have applied to the Commission to conduct aquifer tests at three existing production well sites (River Site Deep well, River Site Shallow well, and South Flood Irrigation Project (FIP). The goal of the aquifer tests is to collect data at existing ground water monitoring wells while the production wells are pumped and during recovery periods. LADWP and the County have signed the *Letter of Agreement between LADWP and County of Inyo for the Joint Collection of Data Relating to Owens Lake Groundwater*.
3. The three existing production well sites were drilled by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD). These wells are no longer in use and the leases have expired. GBUAPCD has indicated it has no interest in obtaining new leases for use of the wells.
4. Each well will be tested for one month, during which time the other wells will not be operated. Water levels in the existing monitoring wells will be recorded prior, during, and after each of the tests. After each test, a one-month recovery time will be observed before testing the next well. Information collected from the tests will be shared between LADWP and the County and provided to Commission staff. Water extraction for any purpose other than information collection is prohibited.
5. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15306.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15300.

6. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq.; however, the Commission has declared that all lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the

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use classification as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2954 is not applicable.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location and Site Map
- A-1 Legal Description

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 6, Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15306.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the County of Inyo, as co-lessees, beginning October 27, 2011, for a term of two years to conduct aquifer tests at three existing production well sites; River Site Deep well, River Site Shallow well, and South Flood Irrigation Project (FIP) well as shown on Exhibit A (for reference purposes only) and described on Exhibit B attached and by this reference made a part hereof; no monetary consideration as the information collected will result in a public benefit with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

**Exhibit A. Legal Descriptions**  
**Production and Monitoring Wells**  
**Owens Lake, California**

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Two parcels of State-owned sovereign land in the bed of Owens Lake in the County of Inyo, State of California, being more particularly described as follows:

**River Site Wells**

BEGINNING at a point from whence Mineral Monument No. 58, a white marble stone monument with a metal plate cross stamped "MM #58", as said monument is shown on that map filed in Book 11, of Record of Surveys at page 7, Official Records of the County of Inyo, State of California, bears South 56°11'08" East, a distance of 32,832.99 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 24°37'59" West, 300.00 feet;  
South 65°22'01" West, 300.00 feet;  
South 24°37'59" East, 300.00 feet;  
North 65°22'01" East, 300.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

**South FIP Wells**

BEGINNING at a point from whence Mineral Monument No. 58, a white marble stone monument with a metal plate cross stamped "MM #58", as said monument is shown on that map filed in Book 11, of Record of Surveys at page 7, Official Records of the County of Inyo, State of California, bears North 18°59'50" East, a distance of 32,043.63 feet; thence along the following described courses:

South 31°22'41" West, 300.00 feet;  
South 58°37'19" East, 300.00 feet;  
North 31°22'41" East, 300.00 feet  
North 58°37'19" West, 300.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

The Bearings used in this description are on the California Coordinate System, NAD83, (CCS83/92), Zone 4. The Coordinate values, in U.S. Survey Feet, of said Mineral Monument No. 58, also known as Triangulation Station

"Keeler" are: Northing 2,064,076.37, Easting 6,890,187.91. All distances shown herein are grid distances in U.S. Survey Feet. To obtain ground surface distances, multiply the distances shown by 1.000228742.

END OF DESCRIPTION



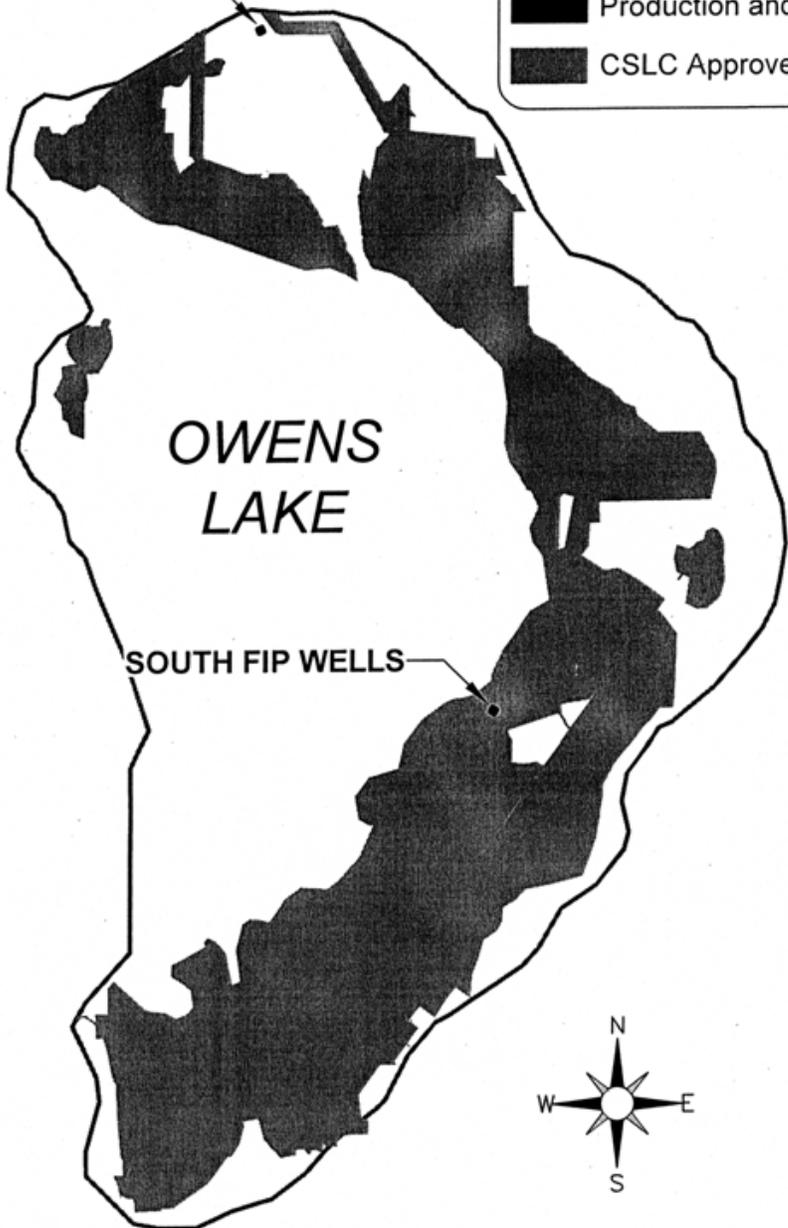
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NO SCALE

**SITE**

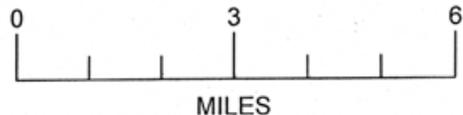
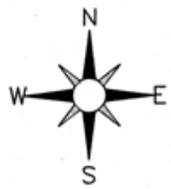
RIVER SITE WELLS

Production and Monitoring Wells  
CSLC Approved Phases of Dust Control



OWENS LAKE

SOUTH FIP WELLS



**Exhibit A-1**  
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LADWP  
OWENS LAKE  
GENERAL LEASE -  
PUBLIC AGENCY USE  
INYO COUNTY



This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.