

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Lahontan Region

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ORDER NO. R6V-2005-0020
NPDES NO. CA0103225, WDID NO. 6B140407009
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
LOWER OWENS RIVER PROJECT, INYO COUNTY

The following Discharger is authorized to discharge in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order:

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| Discharger | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power |
| Name of Facility | Lower Owens River Project (LORP) |
| Facility Contact Address | 300 Mandich Street |
| | Bishop, CA 93514 |
| | Inyo County |

The Discharger is authorized to discharge at or from the following discharge points as set forth below:

| Discharge Point | Monitoring Locations | Discharge Description | Discharge Point Latitude | Discharge Point Longitude | Receiving Water |
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| Discharges 001A 001R | M-001U M-001A M-001R | Dewatering wastes from intake structure construction | 36 °, 58', 33" N | 118 °, 12', 33" W | LA Aqueduct (A) or Lower Owens River (R) |
| Discharge 002 | M-002U M-002 | Diverted stream flow with earthen wastes from Keeler weir construction | 36 °, 34', 35" N | 118 °, 01', 00" W | Lower Owens River |
| Discharge 003 | M-003U M-003 | Dewatering wastes from Pump Station construction | 36 °, 32', 59" N | 117 °, 58', 57" W | Lower Owens River, Owens Lake |
| Discharge 004 | M-001U R-004A R-004B R-004C R-004D | Reintroduced flows to Lower Owens River from River Intake structure | 36 °, 58', 33" N | 118 °, 12', 33" W | Lower Owens River, Owens Lake |
| Discharge 005 | R-005U R-005 | Diverted stream flow with wastes pumped to Los Angeles Aqueduct and/or dust control | 36 °, 32', 32" N | 118 °, 03', 01" W | Haiwee Reservoir via LA Aqueduct and/or Owens Valley Ground Water Basin |
| Discharge 006 | L-001 | Dredged spoils and/or waste earthen material at River Intake | 36 °, 58', 33" N | 118 °, 12', 33" W | Owens Valley Ground Water Basin |
| Discharge 007 | L-002 | Dredged Spoils and/or waste earthen material at Pump Station | 36 °, 32', 59" N | 117 °, 58', 57" W | Owens Valley Ground Water Basin |

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| This Order was adopted by the Regional Water Board on: | July 14, 2005. |
| This Order shall become effective on: | July 14, 2005. |
| Discharges 001A, 001R, 002, and 003 are authorized under Clean Water Act Section 402 NPDES provisions of this Order that shall expire on: | July 14, 2010. |
| The exemption to discharge prohibitions granted for the Lower Owens River shall expire on: | July 14, 2015. |
| All other discharge authorizations (under Clean Water Act Section 401 and California Water Code Division 7 provisions of this Order) shall remain in effect: | Until the Regional Water Board determines the discharge poses no threat to water quality. |
| The Monitoring and Reporting Program shall remain in effect: | Until the Regional Water Board determines the discharge poses no threat to water quality. |
| The Discharger shall file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, <u>not later than 180 days in advance of the above expiration date</u> as application for reissuance of NPDES Permit requirements. | |

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Granted

I hereby issue this Order certifying that discharges from the Lower Owens River Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301 (“Effluent Limitations”), 302 (“Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations”), 303 (“Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans”), 306 (“National Standards of Performance”), and 307 (“Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards”) of the Clean Water Act. The Regional Water Board, by copy of this certification, hereby notifies the applicant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the State of California hereby certifies the Lower Owens River Project pursuant to CWA Section 401. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, “General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges that Have Received State Water Quality Certification” (Attachment G) which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Certification.

Except as modified by other conditions in this Order, all certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharges being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the applicants’ project description, and (b) on compliance with all applicable requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board’s Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) and this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code (CWC) and regulations adopted there under and the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Discharger shall comply with the requirements in this Order.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the following is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on July 14, 2005.

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer