

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

**APPLICANT:**

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

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

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

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Installation, use, and maintenance of hydrologic monitoring structures and flow monitoring infrastructure at five seeps/springs.

**LEASE TERM:**

5 years, beginning February 20, 2015.

**CONSIDERATION:**

No monetary consideration will be charged 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 interests.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has submitted an application for a General Lease – Public Agency Use for the installation, use, and maintenance of hydrologic monitoring structures and flow monitoring infrastructure at five seeps/springs located on the dry lake bed of Owens Lake. The hydrologic information collected will be used for development in the Owens Lake Groundwater Development Program (OLGDP).
2. The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District previously installed flow gauges and data-loggers at four of the five sites. The monitoring equipment has deteriorated and now requires the installation of new

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monitoring equipment. A fifth site does not currently include monitoring equipment and will require the installation of a data-logger.

3. All five sites will require the installation of flow monitoring infrastructure, including a flume with wing walls to converge all seep/spring water to one measuring location.
4. **Replacement of equipment at 4 existing seeps/spring locations:**  
The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302.
5. **Installation of equipment at 1 new seep/spring location:**  
The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15303.  
  
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 use classification as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2954 is not applicable.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description
- B. Site and Location Map

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

**Replacement of equipment at 4 existing seeps/spring locations:**

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 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302.

**Installation of equipment at 1 new seep/spring location:**

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 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15303.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, beginning February 20, 2015, for a term of 5 years, for the installation, use, and maintenance of hydrologic monitoring structures and flow monitoring infrastructure at five seeps/springs as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) 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 interests.

# EXHIBIT A

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## Legal Descriptions Owens Lake Spring Flow Monitoring Improvement Locations

Five 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:

### Northwest Spring Monitoring Parcel

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 83°04'36" East, a distance of 40,711.22 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 73°53'06" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 16°06'54" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 73°53'06" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 16°06'54" East, 50.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

### PPG Spring Monitoring Parcel

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 80°55'38" East, a distance of 43,517.20 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 77°13'50" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 12°46'10" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 77°13'50" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 12°46'10" East, 50.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

### Kaiser Permanente Spring Monitoring Parcel

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 39°46'24" East, a distance of 56,497.00 feet; thence along the following described courses:

North 74°34'21" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 15°25'39" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 74°34'21" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 15°25'39" East, 50.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

### **The Duke Spring Monitoring Parcel**

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 39°01'03" East, a distance of 57,630.54 feet; thence along the following described courses:

South 53°18'34" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 36°41'26" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 53°18'34" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 36°41'26" West, 50.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

### **Cement Pond Spring Monitoring Parcel**

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 7°50'00" East, a distance of 46,652.34 feet; thence along the following described courses:

South 24°58'59" West, 50.00 feet;  
South 65°01'01" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 24°58'59" East, 50.00 feet;  
North 65°01'01" West, 50.00 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.

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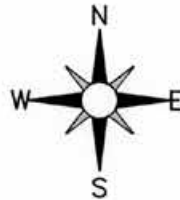
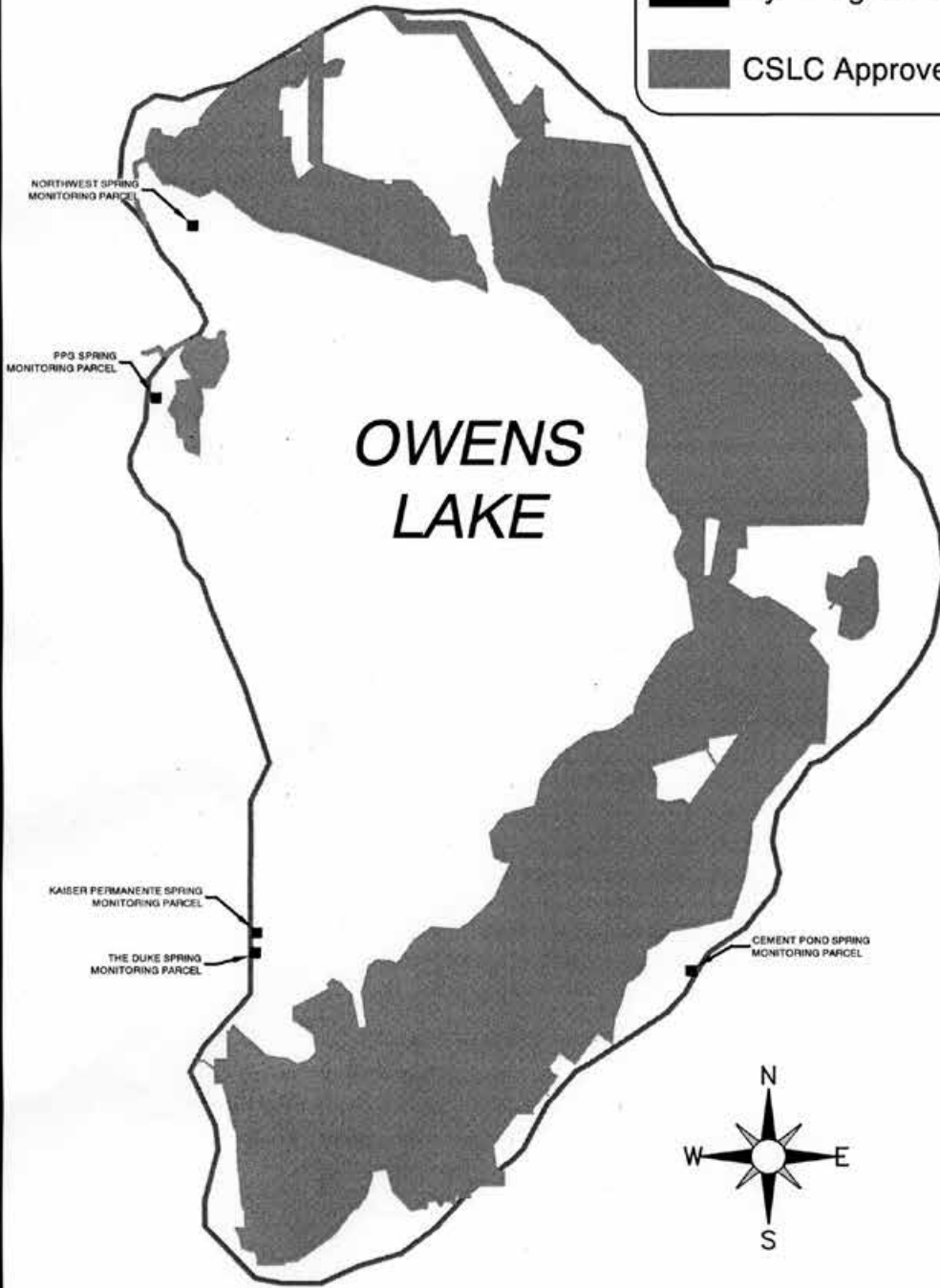


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NO SCALE

# SITE

■ Hydrologic Monitoring Structures  
■ CSLC Approved Phases of Dust Control



**Exhibit B**  
W 26764  
LADWP  
OWENS LAKE  
HYDROLOGIC MONITORING  
STRUCTURES  
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.