

EXEMPTION and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the purchase of real property located adjacent to the Tinemaha Reservoir operation facility near Big Pine, Inyo County, California.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE that this item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) that states that an activity is not subject to CEQA if it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; therefore, the execution of the Letter Agreement to purchase the subject property is not subject to CEQA as it will not result in any physical change in the environment.
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of December 19, 2023, Resolution No. 024 102, which approves the Letter Agreement, including long-term indemnification provisions, between the LADWP and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the purchase of approximately 167.476 acres of unimproved land (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 018-110-12, 018-190-02, and 018-230-11) located adjacent to the Tinemaha Reservoir operation facility near Big Pine, Inyo County, California, for a total cost of \$213,531.90.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that there is no impact with the City General Fund. The purchase price and related expenses for the transaction, which include escrow fees, closing costs, and related expenses totaling \$213,531.90 are available from and will be paid by the LADW Water Revenue Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 26, 2024, your Committee considered the January 12, 2023, Board report, Resolution No. 024 102 relative to the Letter Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the purchase of a Real Property located adjacent to the Tinemaha Reservoir near Big Pine, Inyo County, California. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES