

April 5, 2023

The Honorable City Council  
Office of the City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall  
Mail Stop 160

Attention: Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.

Honorable Members:

Subject: Council File No. 23-0300 – Declaration of Local Emergency/Los Angeles  
Aqueduct

In response to the above referenced Council Motion, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is taking immediate action to manage the flow of water into Owens Lake and repair dust-control measures, following a local emergency, as declared by Mayor Karen Bass on March 14, 2023.

The City Council also resolved to suspend competitive bidding restrictions for LADWP until April 21, 2023, to enable quick procurement of construction contracts, supplies, and equipment.

LADWP is required to report to the City Council every two weeks on why competitive proposals or bidding were not reasonably practicable.

### **Bi-Weekly General Updates – April 5, 2023**

- On March 28, 2023, LADWP's Board of Water and Power Commissioners adopted a resolution authorizing LADWP's General Manager to implement these emergency measures.
- As of April 1, 2023, precipitation has produced a snowpack equal to 305 percent of the April 1 average.
- As of April 5, 2023, excessive runoff has continued to undermine infrastructure at Owens Lake. Staff will be selecting the best and most qualified contractor.

LADWP's in-house construction and engineering teams are currently working to complete the highest priority emergency flood mitigation measures at Owens Lake. However, the amount of work needed exceeds the available resources. Outside construction is necessary to manage

and construct flood mitigation and regulatory compliance projects. In order to address the ongoing emergency, LADWP will be issuing and amending the following contracts under the suspension of competitive bidding restrictions:

**Bi-Weekly Contract Status and Expense Update – April 5, 2023**

<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Funding Spent</b>
Construction Services Contract	Negotiating Informal Bids with contractors	\$35M	\$0	\$0
Material Procurement Contract Amendment	Preparing Amendment Documents	\$5.5M	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$40.5M</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (213) 367-1338, or you may have a member of your staff contact Mr. Anselmo G. Collins, Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System, at (213) 367-1022.

Sincerely,



Martin L. Adams  
General Manager and Chief Engineer

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