

August 16, 2023

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

Attention: Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Honorable Members:

Subject: Bi-weekly Report - 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 water flow into Owens Lake and repair dust-control measures following a local emergency, as declared by Mayor Karen Bass on March 14, 2023.

The Los Angeles City Council (City Council) resolved to temporarily waive competitive bidding restrictions for LADWP until April 21, 2023, so that construction contracts, supplies, and equipment could be procured quickly. Due to the continued state of emergency, the City Council took action in their meetings on Friday, April 21, 2023; Tuesday, May 16, 2023; and Wednesday, June 7, 2023, to extend the state of emergency by an additional 30 days. Snowmelt runoff will continue to increase through the summer as ambient temperatures rise. While LADWP continues to do everything, it can to prepare for the excess runoff, the full magnitude of impacts is unknown at this time and will not be known until the summer is over. Therefore, it is necessary to continue the declared state of local emergency for another 30 days, as defined by the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 8.21, et seq.

LADWP must report to the City Council every two weeks on why competitive proposals or bidding were impractical. This is LADWP's ninth bi-weekly update.

Bi-Weekly General Updates – July 26, 2023:

- Runoff flows have reached their peak and we are starting to see a decrease.

- An emergency contract with Rain for Rent allowed the installation of siphons at Tinemaha Dam to protect the dam and spillway. Fourteen siphons were successfully installed. Each siphon is capable of carrying up to 500 cubic feet per second of water over the dam.
- LADWP has obtained approval from the Division of Safety of Dams to raise the spillway elevation at Long Valley Dam, providing an additional 18,000 acre-feet of storage to avoid spilling and impacting sensitive habitats downstream of the dam.
- Under awarded Contract No. 8008 for emergency construction services, Sully Miller Contracting Company (SMC) installed approximately 73,600 linear feet of access road armoring (13.9 miles), which is 99 percent of the required 14 miles. SMC raised the elevation on approximately 4.5 miles of access roads and completed the installation of 15,000 sandbags, 100 k-rails, and 35,000 square feet of plastic liner for the protection of critical assets at Owens Lake.
- LADWP is increasing the budget for the Construction Services Contract by \$11.5M to perform additional flood mitigation measures necessary to protect the T1A-4 addition and cover unanticipated costs of increased hauling of material related to the closure of California State Route 136 enforced by the California Department of Transportation from May 31, 2023 to July 14, 2023. The total budget will be included in the next update.

The following is an update on LADWP contracts issued or amended under the suspension of competitive bidding restrictions and required to address the ongoing emergency:

Bi-Weekly Contract Status and Expense Update – July 26, 2023:

Contracts	Status	Estimated Budget	Amount Awarded	Invoiced to Date
Construction Services Contract	Awarded	\$24M	\$24M plus a 20% contingency	\$16.3M
Rock Material Contract Amendment	Contract Amended	\$5.5M	\$5.5M	\$4.8M
Science and Technology Contract	Contract Amended	\$3.5M	\$3.5M	\$0.57M
Equipment Rental Contract	Awarded	\$1M	\$1M	\$0.45M
	Subtotal	\$34.0M	\$38.8M	\$22.1M

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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,



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