



State Water Resources Control Board

Public Notice of Amendment to the Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Barren Ridge-Haskell Line 1 Transmission Line Project

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
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Affected Counties: Los Angeles, Kern

On June 23, 2023, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued Clean Water Act section 401 certification and waste discharge requirements (Order) to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the Barren Ridge-Haskell Line 1 Transmission Line Project. In addition to the impacts authorized in the original Order, LADWP proposes to temporarily impact additional waters of the state. The increased impacts would result from the same activities described in the original Order, and all temporarily impacted waters will be restored to pre-project conditions once LADWP’s construction activities are completed. The increased impact totals are shown in Table 1, below. Approximately 1,006 linear feet and 0.21 acres of impact would occur within the Los Angeles Regional Water Board and 1,359 linear feet and 0.48 acres of impact would occur within the Lahontan Regional Water Board.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Temporary and Permanent Impacts to Waters of the State.

Aquatic Resource type	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	17.31 18.00
Linear feet of temporary impact	94,506 96,871
Acres of permanent impact	0.06
Linear feet of permanent impact	1,057

The draft amended order can be accessed at the [Clean Water Act Section 401 - Certification and Wetlands Program, General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2020) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2020).

State Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 30-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this**

notice (December 27, 2023) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (January 26, 2024). To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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Project Name: Barren Ridge-Haskell Line 1 Transmission Line Project

(Reg. Meas. ID: 449778 and SWRCB ID: SB22078IN)

Project Description: The LADWP proposes to modify the approved Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project along 51 miles of the existing Barren Ridge-Haskell Line 1 (BARHSK L1) 230 kV transmission line. All work would occur within the existing BAR-HSK L1 transmission right-of-way.

Project activities include the following: surveying and staking at work sites; identifying and constructing spur roads; clearing portions of the right-of-way, work area around the towers, and pulling/tensioning, and sleeving sites; guard structures; installing tower foundations; assembling and erecting the towers; and installing the ground wire and conductors (stringing may include use of a helicopter). In addition, LADWP will install the counterpoise and switching station tie-in; conduct cleanup and site reclamation; and other post construction activities. Construction activities have already commenced in areas authorized in the Order issued on June 23, 2023.

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