

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has an obligation to provide reliable and dependable power to customers in the City of Los Angeles (City); and

WHEREAS, LADWP is committed to increasing the renewable energy portfolio of power generation resources and its ability to transmit power to customers; and

WHEREAS, the existing McCullough-Victorville (MCC-VIC) high-voltage transmission lines span 162 miles from Boulder City, Nevada to Victorville, California (CA), and carry 500 kilovolts (kV) at 1600 amperes (A) standard and 2400A for emergencies (1600A/2400A); and

WHEREAS, LADWP proposes to upgrade the existing transmission line to 570kV at 2500A/3000A which will add over 475 megawatts (MW) of capacity to the renewable portfolio standard (RPS); and

WHEREAS, the addition of 475 MW of capacity will contribute to over 15 percent of LADWP's RPS; and

WHEREAS, the upgrade of the existing MCC-VIC Transmission Lines 1 and 2 (Proposed Project) would provide critical transmission capacity and is required to accommodate incoming renewable energy resources along the west of Colorado River Path 46 transmission corridor to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of the lines; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the Proposed Project would result in continued safe and reliable operation of the transmission lines to carry renewable power to the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) recognizes that a study was conducted of the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. This study is embodied in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on file with the Secretary of this Board and is incorporated in this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board makes the following further findings and determinations with respect to the Proposed Project:

- LADWP is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared an EIR in compliance with CEQA.
- An Initial Study and Notice of Preparation were prepared and circulated for comment by responsible and trustee agencies and the public from April 1, 2024, through May 1, 2024. Copies were made available for review at LADWP

Corporate Environmental Affairs (CEA) and on the LADWP webpage (<http://www.ladwp.com/reports/environmental-reports>).

- An EIR was prepared, which analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with Proposed Project. The Draft EIR was made available for public review from June 27, 2024, through August 12, 2024. Copies of the Draft EIR were made available for review at LADWP CEA and on the LADWP webpage (<http://www.ladwp.com/reports/environmental-reports>).
- A Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR was submitted to agencies and individuals believed to have an interest in the project. A legal notice was published in the *Los Angeles Times* on June 27, 2024.
- Two written comment letters were received on the Draft EIR, from the Yuhaaviatam San Manual Nation on July 12, 2024, and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife on August 9, 2024. Responses to those comments have been prepared and included in the Final EIR. None of the comments made during the public review period, none of the oral or written testimony presented during the public hearing on the project, and none of the other information presented to the LADWP Board on the project and EIR have included significant new information requiring recirculation of some or all the Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) set forth in the EIR, is hereby adopted to ensure the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in the EIR. The MMRP is on file with the Secretary of the Board as an attachment to the Board Letter and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board finds, based on the whole record before it, including the EIR and comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment, aside from the biological, cultural, tribal cultural resource, and geology and soils impacts, and the temporary construction impacts associated with air quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board finds that the implementation of the mitigation measures in the MMRP would lessen the environmental effects of the Proposed Project to less than significant, with the exception of temporary and short-term construction impacts related to air quality, which would remain significant and unavoidable even with the incorporation of feasible mitigation measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080, Subdivision (a) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, and in support of its approval of the Proposed Project, (1) the Board has reviewed, considered, and adopts the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations in support of approval of the Proposed Project, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A; (2) that the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations reflect the independent judgment and analysis of this Board; and (3) that the Board finds that there are specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the Proposed Project which outweigh the unavoidable

significant impacts identified in the EIR. Exhibit A is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EIR, including the comment letters and responses, is on file with the Secretary of the Board and is incorporated in the Resolution, and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board certifies that the EIR: (1) has been completed in compliance with CEQA; (2) was presented to the Board and that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approval of the Project; and (3) reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in making the findings in this Resolution, the Board ratifies, adopts, and incorporates the analysis and explanation in the Final EIR, and ratifies, adopts, and incorporates in these findings the determinations and conclusions in the Final EIR relating to environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and Project Alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board approves the Proposed Project, authorizes its construction, and approves the payment for permitting, mitigation, and tribal support costs associated with the Proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Accounting Employee of LADWP, upon approval of the Director of CEA, is authorized and directed to draw demands on the Power Revenue Fund in payment of the obligations arising under this Board resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LADWP shall file a Notice of Determination with the San Bernardino County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk within five working days after deciding to approve Proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CEA will be the custodian of the record of proceedings for Proposed Project.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of this Board, or General Manager, or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing as his/her designee, or Director of CEA, and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or the Acting Secretary of this Board, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute in the name of LADWP all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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September 13, 2024

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