

Connections

Water Returns to the Lower Owens River



At the Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake on December 6, 2006, elected officials as well as LADWP and Inyo County management, members of the environmental community and other stakeholders were among the first to witness the release of a permanent flow of water back into the Lower Owens River.

The Lower Owens River Project (LORP), located in the Owens Valley 200 miles north of Los Angeles, is a joint project of LADWP and Inyo County. When completed in July 2007, it will

return a year-round base flow of 40 cubic feet per second and higher flows of 200 cubic feet per second in late spring to mimic peak snowmelt runoff flows. The 62 miles of the Owens River below Big Pine and down to the Delta of Owens Lake located just south of Lone Pine, has essentially been dry since the water was diverted into the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913.

The LORP will spread water into basins to create hundreds of acres of wetland habitat and off-river lakes and ponds for waterfowl, shore birds and fisheries. The project addresses the needs of local ranchers, environmental groups and those who will visit the area for recreational enjoyment such as fishing and bird watching.

Over the past 18 months, LADWP crews made significant modifications to the original water diversion structure including the installation of an automated gate to control the river water released to the Lower Owens River. A 50 cubic feet per second pump-back station, currently under construction, will capture some of the water released into the river and deliver it to the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project, or back to the Los Angeles Aqueduct to send to Los Angeles. More than two miles of the Lower Owens River channel was cleared of silt and other debris plugs prior to the release of water.

The LORP is designed to provide mitigation for impacts related to groundwater pumping by LADWP in the

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Owens Valley between 1970 and 1990 which augmented water supplies for Los Angeles through the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct.

The City of Los Angeles remains committed to the environmental enhancement and restoration of the Owens Valley under terms of

the Inyo County/Los Angeles Water Agreement that was signed in 1991. Today, about one-third of the water from the Eastern Sierra that historically met the needs of Los Angeles residents is now being released in the Eastern Sierra to enhance the environment. Re-watering the Lower Owens River will prove to be one of the greatest environmental enhancement projects in the United States.

LADWP manages its land and natural resources throughout the Owens Valley to ensure the health of the Owens River watershed, allowing public recreation, riparian habitat, wildlife, and agricultural activities to flourish. For more information on how you can enjoy City of Los Angeles' land in the Owens Valley, visit www.laaqueduct.com or call us at 760-872-1104.

Low Income Discount Rate Program

The LADWP offers a residential Low Income Rate to customers within qualifying income levels. This rate reduces the cost of electricity, water, and sewer services for a permanent, primary residence.

You may qualify for the Low Income Rate if you meet the following requirements:

- The LADWP bill is in your name
- The total yearly income* of all persons in your household does not exceed levels listed below:

MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
1-2	\$28,600
3	\$33,600
4	\$40,500
5	\$47,400
For each additional person add...	\$6,900 per member

- Provide proof of income for all persons in your household. If you do not provide proof of income for all persons living in your household, your application will not be approved.

To request a Low Income Rate application and instructions visit any of our Customer Service Centers, visit www.ladwp.com or call our Customer Contact Center at:

Metropolitan Los Angeles: (213) 481-5411
Other areas: (800) DIAL-DWP (800-342-5397)
Hearing/Speech Impaired Customers: (800) 735-2922

* "Income" means the combined gross income, whether taxable or non-taxable, of all persons who live in the household, which includes but is not limited to: the derived income from salaries, wages, child support, alimony, interest, rental income, dividends, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Social Security income, spousal support payments, veteran benefits, disability, unemployment, retirement, cash, tips, public assistance, food stamps, and all employment-related non-cash income.

LADWP Delivers Highest Quality Tap Water in City History



Every day, LADWP customers make the choice to drink bottled water thinking that it is a safer and healthier alternative to tap water. What many customers don't know is that LADWP is distributing the highest quality water in the history of the City—making it an excellent and often-undervalued source of drinking water.

Daily testing of the water supply coupled with ongoing improvements and maintenance to the City's water system ensure that water delivered to all residents meets or surpasses drinking water standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of California Department of Health Services (CDHS). Aging plumbing in commercial buildings and residential dwellings may unfavorably affect the quality of water delivered.

To share with consumers the results of the year's water quality testing, LADWP produces an annual water quality report that is posted on our Web site in English and Spanish as well as mailed in July to every LADWP customer. The report details the high-quality and reliability of the City's water system. Following are highlights from the 2005 Annual Water Quality Report.

Testing & Results

- Water supplied by LADWP met or surpassed all health-based drinking water standards set by the EPA and CDHS, ensuring that the water is safe to drink for the general population.
- More than 347,900 laboratory and field tests were conducted on more than 25,000 water samples in 2005. The water was tested for more than 170 constituents and contaminants, including 110 that have regulated standards and 60 that the State and Federal governments do not currently regulate.

Water Quality Improvements

- As part of a 10-year capital improvement plan, LADWP invested more than \$92 million in water quality improvements in 2005. Approximately \$3.5 billion is needed to improve the quality and reliability of the City's water supply over the next six years.

•LADWP successfully met the compliance requirements for its four open reservoirs subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) with its removal of the Lower Stone Canyon Reservoir from service in December 2004. The recently promulgated Long-Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule will require the removal from service, covering or re-treating of water in the six remaining open reservoirs within the City.

•LADWP continued its phased plan towards the eventual City-wide conversion to chloramines from chlorine as the main disinfectant for drinking water to meet the Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Rule. This program will reduce the amount of disinfection by-products (DBPs), improve the taste and smell of the water, and make LADWP water compatible with water purchased from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

Water Supply

- In 2005, the City's water supply included: 60% from the Eastern Sierra watershed via the Los Angeles Aqueduct; 30% purchased water from MWD, from the San Joaquin/Sacramento Delta and the Colorado River; and 10% from groundwater.

Security Measures

- LADWP continued to upgrade the safety and security of the City's water system facilities to protect the water supply and quality of the water.

To review the complete 2005 LADWP Annual Water Quality Report (in English and Spanish) visit www.ladwp.com or call (213) 367-3182 to request a copy.

HELP MOW DOWN POLLUTION

Turn in a Working Gas Lawn Mower and Get a New \$400 Cordless Electric Mower for Only \$100 (while supplies last).



You must pre-register. Registration begins **March 20, 2007**.

Contact the South Coast Air Quality Management District at www.aqmd.gov or call toll free (888) 425-6247.

2007 POWER CONTENT LABEL

ENERGY RESOURCES	LADWP Power* (projected)	LADWP Green Power** (projected)	2005 CA POWER Mix*** (for comparison)
Eligible Renewable****	8%	100%	5%
-Biomass & waste	1%	-	<1%
-Geothermal	<1%	-	4%
-Small hydroelectric	6%	25%	1%
-Solar	<1%	-	<1%
-Wind	1%	75%	<1%
Coal	47%	-	38%
Large Hydroelectric	7%	-	24%
Natural Gas	29%	-	33%
Nuclear	9%	-	0%
Other	<1%	-	0%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

* 88% of **LADWP Power** is specifically purchased from individual suppliers.

** 100% of **LADWP Green Power** is specifically purchased from individual suppliers.

*** Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.

**** In accordance with Los Angeles City Council's action on 10-5-04 for File No. 03-2688 (RPS).

For specific information about this electricity product, contact LADWP at 1-800-DIAL-DWP. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-800-555-7794 or www.energy.ca.gov/consumer.