



PAYAHUUNADÜ - HISTORY AND CURRENT ISSUES

APRIL 27, 2021 - PRESENTATION

CALL TO ACTION

SETTLE PAYAHUUNADÜ (OWENS VALLEY) WATER AND LAND CLAIMS

Engage in meaningful negotiations with the Tribes to settle outstanding land and water claims and to rectify past injustices. Stop pushing the terms in the failed 1990s proposed settlement.

Call and write Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, LADWP Board of Commissioners, Los Angeles City Councilmembers, and Los Angeles Mayor.

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE WATER IMPORTS FROM PAYAHUUNADÜ

Stop pumping groundwater Payahuunadü for exportation. Classify water from Payahuunadü as imported water even though it is not purchased and treat it as purchased water. Demand that water savings from Operation NEXT be reflected in a reduction of imports from Payahuunadü.

Call and write LADWP Board of Commissioners, Los Angeles City Councilmembers, and Los Angeles Mayor.

CONSIDER PAYAHUUNADÜ AND TRIBAL INTERESTS IN OPERATION NEXT SCOPING AND PLANNING

Consult with Tribes in Payahuunadü not just Los Angeles "local area" tribes. Consider the minority and low-income populations in Payahuunadü when doing environmental justice assessment. As above, demand water savings from Operation NEXT be reflected in a reduction of imports from Payahuunadü.

Submit written comments before Notice of Preparation Scoping Period ends.

Comments due May 14, 2021.



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REDUCE GROUNDWATER PUMPING FOR FISH SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY

Supply only the amount of water the fish hatchery needs when it needs it. LADWP install variable frequency drive pumps in groundwater wells to control pumping. Update infrastructure for improved aeration. Recharge springs that historically supplied water to the fish hatchery.

Call and write LADWP Board of Commissioners, Inyo County Board of Supervisors, and California Fish and Game Commission.

AMEND LADWP'S 2021-22 PUMPING PLAN

Only pump groundwater needed for in-valley uses in Payahuunadü. Work with Tribes, County, and environmental groups on better water management and identifying other sources of water (surface water) for in-valley mitigation projects. **Comment no later than May 26, 2021 Standing Committee Meeting.**

Call and write LADWP Board of Commissioners, Inyo County Board of Supervisors, and Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee.

IMPROVE WATER MANAGEMENT IN PAYAHUUNADÜ

No groundwater pumping at Patsiada (Owens Dry Lake) for dust mitigation. Bring water tables and vegetation type & cover to "baseline" conditions. Complete mitigation projects and re-design those not fulfilling their goals in order to meet stated goals. No new groundwater wells. Utilize sustainable indigenous practices in water and natural

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OPERATION NEXT AND HYPERION 2035 PROGRAM

Submit written comments by mail to:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Environmental Planning and Assessment

111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044

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Attention: Christopher Lopez

Submit email comments:

OperationNEXT@ladwp.com

Include "Operation NEXT and Hyperion 2035 NOP Scoping Comment" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

Virtual comment card:

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