

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Project Title: Lower Feeder, San Diego Canal, Perris Bypass Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2017-0217-R6)

Project Applicant: Jennifer Harriger
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at various locations in Riverside County, California. Dewatering discharge locations are located along the Lower Feeder Pipeline at stations 80+40, 204+09, and 485+23; the San Diego Canal at stations 243+85, 299+20, 407+39, 500+94, 566+86, 684+81, 877+40, 908+50, 974+53, 1038+70, 1098+57; the Casa Loma Siphon at stations 10997+10, 11002+00, 11064+34; and the Perris Bypass Pipeline at stations 2045+17 and 2086+00.

Project Location (City): Menifee, Perris, Hemet **Project Location (County):** Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a major amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0217-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The Project is limited to stream impacts associated with dewatering and shutdown activities. Project activities in the stream areas include dewatering discharges from the Lower Feeder Pipeline at stations 80+40, 204+09, and 485+23; the San Diego Canal at stations 243+85, 299+20, 407+39, 500+94, 566+86, 684+81, 877+40, 908+50, 974+53, 1038+70, 1098+57; the Casa Loma Siphon at stations 10997+10, 11002+00, 11064+34; and the Perris Bypass Pipeline at stations 2045+17 and 2086+00.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of the Person/Agency Carrying Out the Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1; Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Lead Agency

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Date: 3.4.19

Signed by Lead Agency

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