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San Diego County Water Authority

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
 County Of San Diego
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From: San Diego County Water Authority
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State Clearinghouse
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Project Title: Emergency Repair to the San Diego County Water Authority's Second Aqueduct Pipeline 4

Project Location - Specific: Within the Water Authority's Second Aqueduct within Moosa Creek adjacent north of Camino del Rey approximately 2,000 feet west of Interstate 15

Project Location - City: Unincorporated-Bonsall **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Water Authority staff discovered Pipeline 4 to be leaking within Moosa Creek. The Water Authority's second aqueduct, which contains Pipelines 3, 4 and 5, runs through this area. In addition, Rainbow Municipal Water District has a pipeline in the immediate area. Catastrophic failure of Pipeline 4 could result in considerable environmental damage and potentially risks damage to Pipelines 3 and 5, and Rainbow's pipeline. Pipeline 4 is a vital component of the Water Authority's treated water system and delivers treated water from the MWD delivery point down to Lower Otay Reservoir. Pipeline 4 is supplied by MWD's Skinner Water Treatment Plant, Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant, and the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. Failure of Pipeline 4 would significantly impact the Water Authority's ability to provide treated water service to all its member agencies and could result in mandatory water restrictions. Because of the very high operating pressure of the pipeline in this area and consequences of failure, an emergency has been declared in accordance with SDCWA Administrative Code, to immediately begin the work planning, shutdown and repair of Pipeline 4 to mitigate the present risks and prevent further loss.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Exempt Status:

- 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:*
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: The subject actions consist of emergency repairs and modifications to public water facilities which are necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety and welfare.

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