

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: <b>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY</b> (Public Agency)</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  or County Clerk  County of: <b>SAN DIEGO</b></p>	<p>Address <b>505 GARRETT AVENUE</b>  <b>CHULA VISTA, CA 91910</b></p>

1. Project Title:	<b>SEDIMENT CHARACTERIZATION STUDY</b>
2. Project Applicant:	<b>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY</b>
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	<b>SWEETWATER RESERVOIR</b> <b>ADDRESS:</b> <b>100 LAKEVIEW AVE. SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977</b>
4. (a) Project Location – City:	(b) Project Location – County: <b>SAN DIEGO</b>
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<b>The proposed project is a geotechnical investigation that would consist of conducting 10 underwater borings in the Sweetwater Reservoir from a floating barge, using a drill rig capable of providing continuous soil samples, to maximum depths of 40 feet below the topmost layer of sediment. In addition, 2 borings would be conducted on seasonally dry land below the reservoir’s highwater mark, on the eastern side of the reservoir. The borings would have approximately 4-inch diameters and would be backfilled with bentonite grout slurry.</b>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	<b>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY</b>
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	<b>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY</b>
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<b>CLASS 6. INFORMATION COLLECTION</b> <b>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES 15306.</b>

(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:		<b>The proposed project would consist of a resource evaluation activity and basic data collection that would not result in a serious or major disturbance to the Sweetwater Reservoir or any environmental resource surrounding the project area. The proposed project is strictly for information gathering purposes.</b>
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:		<b>Erick Del Bosque, P.E.</b> <b>Engineering Manager</b> <a href="mailto:edelbosque@sweetwater.org">edelbosque@sweetwater.org</a>
	Telephone:		<b>619-409-6752</b>
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.		
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
13.	Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____		

Signature: Ron R. Mosher Date: 7/22/2020

Name: Ron R. Mosher, Title: Director of Engineering

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

**Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	SEDIMENT CHARACTERIZATION STUDY	
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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	Class 6. Information Collection State CEQA Guidelines 15306.
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	
g. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: 7/22/2020

Staff: Ron R. Mosher