

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Santa Ana River Turnout, a Permanent Turnout Within the California Aqueduct Right-Of-Way (SWPAO #20601)

Location -- Specific: Approximately, milepost 423.76 of the California Aqueduct's Santa Ana Valley Pipeline.

Location -- County: San Bernardino County

Description of Activity: The proposed project transfers ownership of the Santa Ana River Turnout from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) with no change in capacity or permitted uses. The turnout also requires replacement of old or missing equipment to make it functional as it has not been used since 1973. This transfer requires approval from the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (lead agency), Department of Water Resources (responsible agency).

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities and 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt: The proposed project involves the transfer of ownership of the Santa Ana River Turnout. There will be no changes in capacity or permitted uses of the facility, just a change in ownership. Reactivation of the turnout requires minor upgrades and minor replacement of old and missing equipment. The reactivated turnout will remain on the same site and will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing facility. The proposed transfer and reactivation do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Existing Facilities and Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15301 and 15302 respectively).

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