

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Lakeview Pipeline Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2020-0036-R6)

Project Applicant: Jennifer Harriger
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
PO Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located Latitude: 33.830685°, Longitude: -117.143973°; 1.5 miles southeast of Lake Perris in Riverside County, California

Project Location (City): Perris (closest) **Project Location (County):** Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0036-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to MWD as represented by Ms. Jennifer Harriger. The Project includes dewatering the Lakeview Pipeline: releasing water from one blow-off structure (BO) into San Jacinto Creek. Once water level and pressure reduce so water no longer flows through the BO pumps will be placed into the pump well structures (PW). Water will be pumped through 6 inch flexible hose attached to a diffuser socks, allowing the water to travel into San Jacinto Creek. The empty pipeline will then be inspected and maintained. Routine inspection of the Pipeline prevents catastrophic failures that can be prevented with regular inspections. The LSA is limited to impacts as a result of dewatering to and within San Jacinto Creek. No vegetation will be removed, no burrows for small mammals and ground birds will be impacted, no sensitive species will be impacted, lighting from night work will be limited to prevent impacts to nocturnal birds and mammals, measures to prevent the introduction of invasive species will be followed, and BMPs to prevent erosion will be installed. All materials and equipment will be removed at the end of the work.

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:

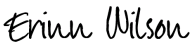
Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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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 Signature: _____
 Erinn Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date: 10/15/2020

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Signed by Lead Agency

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