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Notice of Exemption Submittal

December 18, 2020

ELECTRONIC UPLOAD

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Project Name: **January 2021 Box Springs Feeder Shutdown**

Filing As: Lead Agency Responsible Agency

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Enclosures: Original NOE
 Location Map

Comments: In accordance with Section 15062 of the State of California Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this NOE is provided for posting by your office for a period of 30 full calendar days.



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From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Project Name: January 2021 Box Springs Feeder Shutdown

Project Location - Specific: Sycamore Canyon Creek, Sycamore Canyon Park

Project Location - City: Riverside

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Project: The Box Springs Feeder shutdown project would involve lowering the water level in the Box Springs Feeder to facilitate critical repairs to the connected Santa Ana Valley Pipeline, owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources. Dewatering activities are scheduled for January 19, 2021 and are expected to take approximately 3-4 hours. Water would be discharged from one location at Station 88+40 into Sycamore Canyon Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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

Exempt Status: (check as applicable)

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines
- Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065, State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines §15269(b))
- Categorical Exemption,
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed action includes dewatering of the Box Springs Feeder at the request of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to expedite repairs of an existing pipeline owned and operated by DWR. Accordingly, the proposed action qualifies under a statutory exemption (Sections 21080(b)(4) of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15269(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

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