



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse  
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**From:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
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**Project Title:** Water Delivery Agreement with Department of Water Resources and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Project Location - Specific:** Metropolitan's Diamond Valley Lake in Riverside to DWR's Reach 28H Turnout at the Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant located at 550 East Alessandro Boulevard, in Riverside, California. See attached.

**Project Location - City:** Riverside

**Project Location - County:** Riverside

**Description of Project:** The project consists of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) entering into an agreement for water delivery with Department of Water Resources (DWR). Between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022, up to 100,000 acre-feet of water would be delivered from Diamond Valley Lake to Mills Water Treatment Plant using the agencies' existing water conveyance and distribution systems (e.g., Inland Feeder, Lakeview Pipeline, Perris Bypass, Box Springs Feeder, Santa Ana Valley Pipeline, Reach 28H Turnout, Box Springs Feeder). No construction is anticipated or required for the water deliveries.

**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
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301
- Statutory Exemption,
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

### Reasons why project is exempt

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

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**Signature:**

  
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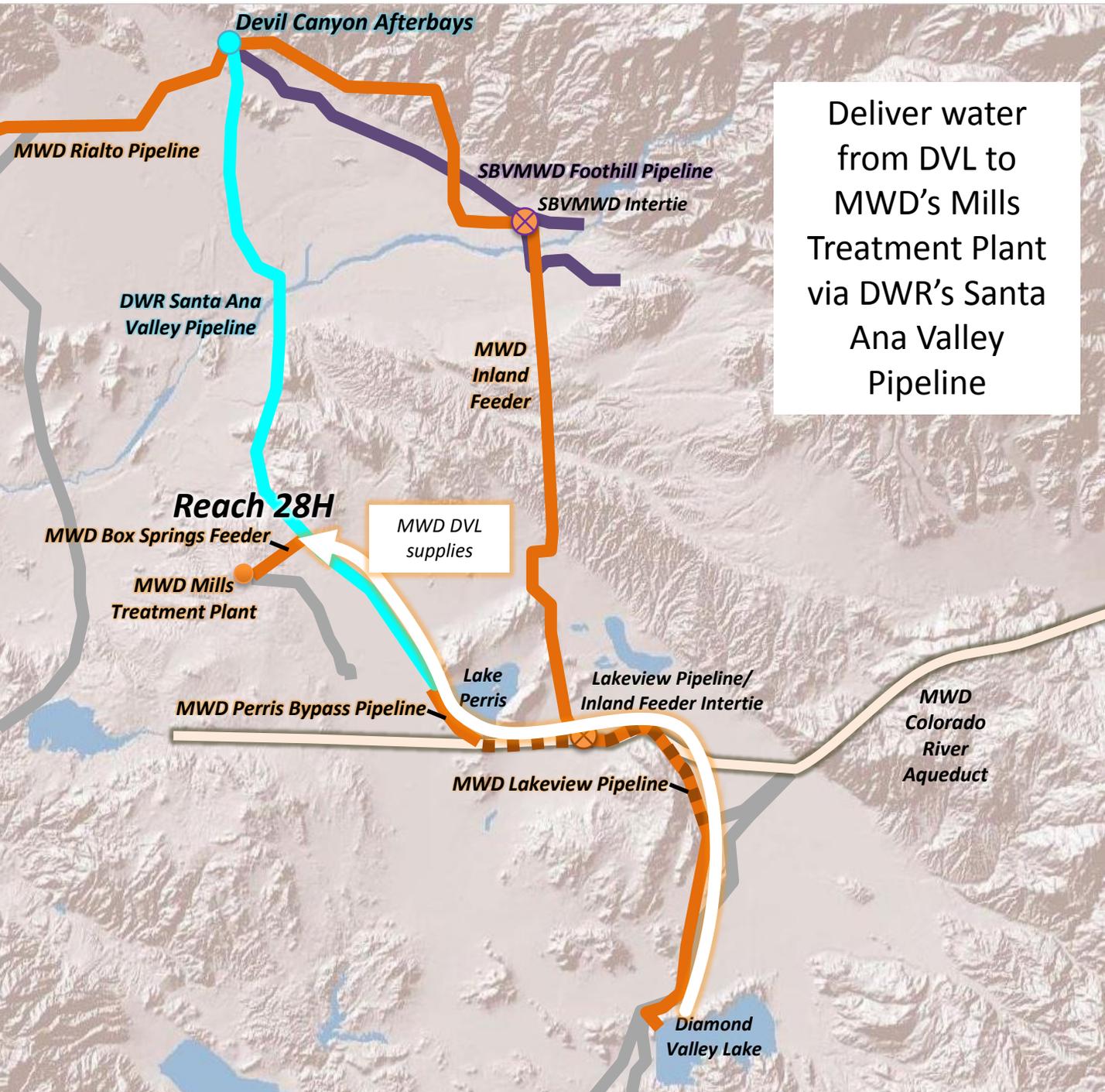
Deliver MWD water from Diamond Valley Lake to MWD’s Mills Treatment Plant via DWR’s Santa Ana Valley Pipeline

**Purpose:** Helps Metropolitan preserve SWP storage in carryover, which can be delivered to all parts of Metropolitan’s service area and helps maximize SWP storage going into 2022.

**Amount:** Up to 100,000 acre-feet.

**Timeframe:** 04/01/21-03/31/22

**Operations:** Flow of water would be from Diamond Valley Lake to the Inland Feeder to the Lakeview Pipeline (via interconnection) to the Perris Bypass Pipeline to DWR’s Santa Ana Valley Pipeline to the Box Springs Feeder turnout to Mills Treatment Plant.



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