

## Notice of Exemption

**To:** County Clerk  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260 MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

**From:** San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123-1233

State Clearinghouse  
Email: state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov

**Project Title:** Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the Vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and Operation of facilities in the United States

**Project Location - Specific:** Southern California

**Project Location - City:** Multiple

**Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project is an agreement to deliver a portion of Mexico's Colorado River water allocation through the southern California aqueduct system to the Tijuana water distribution system under terms of Minute 327 of the International Boundary and Water Commission utilizing existing facilities in the United States.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Diego County Water Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Diego County Water Authority

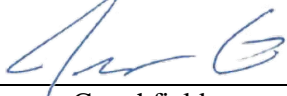
**Exempt Status:**

- 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: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301)
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The action is an agreement to deliver water using existing facilities that comprise the Water Authority's aqueduct system involving negligible or no expansion of use. Operation of existing pipelines, pumps, tanks, reservoirs, vents, valves, vaults, and appurtenant facilities is specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.070(a)1(i)].

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**Date:** 8/24/2021

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