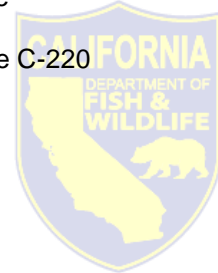


**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Colorado River Aqueduct Lakeview Siphon Shutdown (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-24497-R6).

**Project Location (include county):** The Colorado River Aqueduct Lakeview Siphon Shutdown project (Project) is located in unincorporated Riverside County, State of California, approximately located at the San Jacinto River crossing, 1.5 miles southeast of Lake Perris, within unincorporated Riverside County. Latitude 33.831308, longitude -117.143490, Assessor's Parcel Number 308-150-009.

**Project Description:** The Project includes changes to stream areas associated with a dewatering event and shutdown of the Colorado River Aqueduct Lakeview Siphon. Dewatering to allow staff to conduct maintenance. This event will begin February 4, 2022, continuing through February 7, 2022, or modified dates with CDFW approval. Project activities in the stream areas include the placement of erosion control measures and the release of water into jurisdictional areas from one discharge location within San Jacinto River. Dewatering methods include releasing water via an existing outlet pipe; diverting raw water through a filtration system, dissipation socks, or dewatering hoses; and discharging the water to stream areas.

Between the defined dates, approximately 28-acre feet (AF) of water will be released into the San Jacinto River through three temporarily installed hoses adjacent to the river. The water will be released from the pipeline to the San Jacinto River through the temporarily installed hoses at a rate of 3000-gallons per minute, equal to about 6.7 cubic feet per second (cfs), for approximately 72 hours.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)  
Type - Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project is limited to the repair and maintenance of an existing structure and will result in minor alterations to the land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

**CDFW Contact Person:** John Dempsey, Environmental Scientist, (909)-549-8245

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For Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

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