



**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**Notice of Exemption Submittal**

March 24, 2022

**ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL**

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Name: **Amendment of Water Delivery Agreement with Department of Water Resources and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

Filing As:  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Alex Marks at (213) 217-7692

Enclosures:  Original NOE  
 Location Map

Comments: In accordance with §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 days.



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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**From:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
P.O. Box 54153  
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**Project Title:** Amendment of 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 the Department of Water Resources' Reach 28H Turnout at the Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant located at 550 East Alessandro Boulevard, in Riverside, California. See attached location exhibit.

**Project Location - City:** Riverside

**Project Location - County:** Riverside

**Description of Project:** The project is the execution of an amendment of a water delivery agreement between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Department of Water Resources. By March 31, 2023, up to 140,000 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).

**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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Alex Marks at (213) 217-7692

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Date:** March 24, 2022

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