



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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

**From:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Project Title:** Water Delivery Agreement with Department of Water Resources, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Project Location - Specific:** DWR's Devil Canyon afterbays in the city of San Bernardino to Valley District's and Metropolitan's infrastructure in the city of San Bernardino and surrounding areas. See attached.

**Project Location - City:** San Bernardino

**Project Location - County:** San Bernardino

**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) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District). Between March 15, 2022 and December 31, 2085, up to 100,000 acre-feet per year of water would be delivered from Devil Canyon to the agencies' existing water conveyance and distribution systems (e.g., Inland Feeder, EBX-II, Central Feeder, Foothill Pipeline/EBX, and associated interconnections). 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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