



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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**Project Name:** Upper Feeder Santa Ana River Crossing, Emergency Expansion Joint Replacement Activities

**Project Location - Specific:** Metropolitan's Upper Feeder pipeline, at the Santa Ana River Bridge crossing (near Station 433+31), within City of Riverside (see attached location map).

**Project Location - City:** Riverside

**Project Location - County:** Riverside

**Description of Project:** Metropolitan's Upper Feeder pipeline conveys untreated water from Lake Mathews in the City of Riverside to the Eagle Rock Control Facility in the City of Los Angeles. The water is treated at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in the City of La Verne and distributed to its member agencies within Metropolitan's service area. On April 13, 2022, a leak was discovered in the expansion joint at the Upper Feeder pipeline. Inspections of the expansion joint concluded the joint is compromised and needs immediate repair. The project consists of emergency repair activities to the Upper Feeder expansion joint at the Santa Ana River Bridge crossing. The activities include shutting down and dewatering the Upper Feeder, replacing the expansion joint, and realigning the pipeline back onto the rubber isolators.

**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)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines §15269(b))
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301;
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines §15282(k)
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project consists of emergency repairs to publicly or privately-owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare. Additionally, the proposed project involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length, as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code.

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