

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: El Rey Crossing at 29 Palms Channel Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-18147-R6)

Project Location: The project is located at the 29 Palms Channel, a tributary to Dale Lake, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.136557, Longitude -116.081628; The project is located at the crossing of the 29 Palms Channel and El Rey Avenue in Twentynine Palms. The crossing is located approximately 0.06 miles north of the intersection of El Rey Avenue and SR-62 and approximately 0.22 miles south of the intersection El Rey Avenue and Nicholson Drive.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SBR-18147-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to San Bernardino County Flood Control District.

The project is limited to the removal of an existing arch culvert and replacement of the structure with a reinforced concrete box culvert. The existing structure that will be removed is a 15-foot-wide by 8-foot-high corrugated steel pipe (CSP) arch culvert at the El Rey Avenue crossing, which will be replaced with a redesigned structure that will consist of three, 14-foot-wide by 8.5-foot-high reinforced concrete boxes for a total length of 70 feet. The replacement reinforced concrete structures will include cut-off walls, head walls, wing walls, rock slope protection, reconstruction of the existing four street drainage inlets, and reconstruction of El Rey Avenue roadway, sidewalk, curb and gutter. Temporary impact areas will be restored to pre-construction contours.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino County Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: CatEx Class 1- 15301 and Class 2- 15302 exemptions for maintenance of existing facilities and replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities.

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