

Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Inland Deserts Region
3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C-220
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Project Title: Line Section 51 Washout Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-28834-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Line Section 51 Washout Project (project) is located along an unnamed tributary to the Santa Ana River, in Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.967371, Longitude -117.31298; Assessors Parcel Number [APN] 258-200-013. The project is on undeveloped land east of Watkins Drive, south of Mount Vernon Avenue, north of Gernert Road, and west of the BNSF Railroad within the southwest corner of Section 28, Range 4 West, Township 2 South of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Riverside East, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- RIV-28834-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Calnev Pipe Line, LLC. as represented by Jody Schaap.

The project is limited to maintenance and repair activities at three washout sites along Line Section 51 which parallels an unnamed tributary that conveys flow to the Santa Ana River. The Project activities will include the excavation of 28 cubic yards of soil within the pipeline exposure area, the placement of sand over the exposed pipe, and placement of gravel and 78 cubic yards of riprap in the channel of the unnamed tributary. Project activities are anticipated to result in temporary impacts to 1.44 acres and permanent impacts to 0.058 acre of streambed and associated riparian habitat during the term of this Agreement (5 years).

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Calnev Pipe Line, LLC.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (c), Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves the repair and maintenance of an existing structures and will result in minor alterations to the land pursuant to Section 15302 (c). The project does not involve any further alteration of the existing facility or expansion of existing or former use.

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