



California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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Project Name: Inland Feeder Rialto Pipeline Intertie

Project Location - Specific: 34°12'01.1"N 117°20'10.8"W near 6900 Devils Canyon Rd.

Project Location - City: San Bernardino **Project Location - County:** San Bernardino County

Description of Project:

Install an approximately 200-foot long 96-inch diameter underground pipeline between Metropolitan's Inland Feeder and Rialto pipelines adjacent to the Department of Water Resources' Devil's Canyon Afterbay. Appurtenant and incidental construction will include installation of an isolation valve, and a Tee joint (joint fitting) on the Rialto pipeline and a Wye Branch (joint fitting) on the Inland Feeder to connect the existing pipelines to the new intertie.

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)
- Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065, State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1 Categorical Exemption (§15301), Class3 Categorical Exemption (§15303), Class 4 Categorical Exemption (§15304)
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code §21080.21; State CEQA Guidelines §15282[k])
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

Reasons why project is exempt:

The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length. 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. The proposed project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The proposed project consists of public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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