



Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
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San Diego, CA 92101

From: San Diego County Water Authority
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Project Title: Pipeline 5 Relining Project at San Luis Rey Canyon

Project Location - Specific: Unincorporated San Diego County, within the communities of Fallbrook and Bonsall, along the Second Aqueduct within San Luis Rey Canyon

Project Location - City: Unincorporated (Fallbrook and Bonsall)

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will reline approximately 9,000 feet of existing 96-inch diameter prestressed concrete pipe along Pipeline 5 of the Second Aqueduct. Project work will include excavation of portals along the pipeline to provide access, installation of a steel liner, and rehabilitation/repair of ancillary facilities and structures along the relined pipeline including installation of a new isolation vault. Project work will be limited to the existing Water Authority's right-of-way and temporarily impacted areas will be returned to pre-impact condition following construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority


Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301); Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (Sec. 15302); Class 3 New Construction of Small Structures (15303)
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of repair, maintenance, and replacement, of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time this notice was executed. Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities and construction of new small structures are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)1(i); §8.00.060(a)2(i); §8.00.060(a)3(i)].

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