



Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260 MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

From: San Diego County Water Authority
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San Diego, CA 92123-1233

State Clearinghouse
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Project Title: Regional Water Use Efficiency Programs

Project Location - Specific: The project will be implemented throughout western San Diego County

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: These programs employ a variety of water use efficiency (WUE) efforts to engage residential, commercial, industrial and institutional (CII), and agricultural water users within the San Diego region. Efforts include removal of turf and installation of CII landscapes; providing rebates and incentives for turf replacement and irrigation efficiency device installations; and associated marketing, evaluation, educational materials, and coursework.

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 4 Minor Alterations to Land (Section 15304)
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves replacement of existing landscaping and irrigation with water efficient landscaping for water conservation purposes. New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping is specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per Article 19, Section 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land) and the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)4(v)].

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