



Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
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From: San Diego County Water Authority
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Project Title: Cathodic Protection of First Aqueduct at San Luis Rey and San Dieguito

Project Location - Specific: Along the First Aqueduct near the San Luis Rey River in the community of Pala and near San Dieguito River in the city of Escondido.

Project Location - City: Pala and Escondido

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will install cathodic protection for the First Aqueduct at two locations, near the San Luis Rey River and San Dieguito River. Installation of cathodic protection will include minor trenching and boring, installation of anode rods, conduit, anode wire, and anode junction boxes. 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 3 New Construction of Small Structures (15303); Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (15304)
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of maintenance, minor modification to existing public facilities, and installation of small appurtenant equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use and minor trenching where the surface is restored. Maintenance of existing facilities, construction of new small structures, and minor alterations to land 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)3(i); §8.00.060(a)4(i)].

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