

Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County
Flood Control District
Environmental Management Division
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Project Description

Project Title: Mojave River Watershed (Post-Fire Advanced Emergency Protection Measures in the Bridge Fire Scarred Areas)

Project Location: The Bridge Fire-affected flood facilities within San Bernardino County include Heath Creek, Flume Creek, Swarthout Creek, and Sheep Creek, located between Flume Canyon Dr. and E. Canyon Dr. in the unincorporated community of Wrightwood, as well as a portion of Sheep Creek located between Highway 138 and the Southern Pacific Railroad in the unincorporated community of Phelan.

Project Description: On September 8, 2024, the Bridge Fire ignited in San Bernardino County, burning approximately 56,030 acres and is still not fully contained. A Governor Proclaimed State of Emergency has been declared for San Bernardino County. Emergency work involves clearing channels and culverts of trees, vegetation, sediment, and debris; repairing inverts and slopes; repairing erosions and damage to flood facilities and their access roads; and restoring capacity to enhance public safety from post-fire damage and anticipated future impacts.

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(B)(1); 15268];
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(B)(3); 15269(a)(b)(c)];
 Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(B)(4); 15269(b)];
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section: _____
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
 Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allows for emergency repairs to an area which a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, as Governor Newsom declared on September 7, 2024. Section 15269(b) allows for emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned facilities to maintain service essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency. Section 15269(c) allows for specific actions taken to mitigate for an emergency.


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11/04/2024

Date

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A