

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Bouquet Reservoir Inlet/Outlet Pipeline Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. 1600-2021-0005-R5).

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Bouquet Inlet/Outlet Pipeline Maintenance Project (Project) site is located in the Angeles National Forest, approximately 10 miles north of the City of Santa Clarita, California. The proposed Project involves the Bouquet Inlet/Outlet Pipeline site that begins near the western edge of the Bouquet Reservoir and extends approximately three miles to the connection with the penstock of San Francisquito Power Plant. The site can be located using the following information; Latitude 34.594430, Longitude - 118.422174; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 3243-001-303, 3243-002-301, 3243- 001-311, and 3243-002-307.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2021-0005-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as represented by Jane Hauptman.

The Project is limited to the one-time removal of soil and debris at the eastern extent of Drainage 2 where inspection of the pipeline is necessary; and the routine removal of vegetation from all areas within 10 feet of the pipeline. To allow for the inspection and protection of the Bouquet water pipeline, routine vegetation clearing will be conducted annually. Vegetation clearing will involve the clearing of brush and vegetation from all areas within 10 feet of the edge of the pipeline. Vegetation will be removed by hand crews using mowers and chainsaws. Vegetation will be cut at the base and no ground disturbance will occur. The Agreement does not cover any necessary repairs to the Drainage 2 site, only the excavation and inspection activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why Project is exempt: The Project is limited the excavation and inspection of an existing water pipeline as well as the routine maintenance of existing native growth from areas within 10 feet of the pipeline. The Project is exempt under 15301 because it involves the minor alteration to an existing public or private structure and maintenance of existing native growth. No expansion of use is proposed.

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