

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code 21108**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2007041001**Project Title:** Walnut Canyon Reservoir (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2014-0110-R5)**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the Walnut Canyon Reservoir at 6571 E. Walnut Canyon Road, in the City of Anaheim (City), County of Orange; latitude 30°50'20.8" W, longitude 117°45'22.49" N; Assessor's Parcel Number 085-591-03.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed a Major Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2014-0110-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Anaheim, as represented by Jon Sanks.

The Project consists of a 20 year maintenance agreement for the routine landscaping maintenance at Walnut Canyon Reservoir (Reservoir). The 920 million gallon reservoir supplies Colorado River water to the Anaheim area. The Reservoir has no direct link to the Santa Ana River except under emergency situations; the water could be diverted to the Santa Ana River via the Walnut Canyon Diversion Channel. No work is to occur in the Walnut Canyon Diversion Channel. In addition to the Reservoir, a small drainage that collects local run-off is located just east of the Reservoir. The proposed activity includes the trimming of vegetation around the Reservoir and the drainage. The amendment is limited to allowing vegetation trimming within the nesting season provided that nesting bird surveys are conducted beforehand and nests are zoned off with an appropriate buffer zone.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Anaheim**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (b) and (h)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 includes minor repair, maintenance, or permitting to existing facilities. In this case, the project qualifies under subsection (b) as a water utility facility and (h) maintenance of existing landscape, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.**Signature:**
Date:

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David Mayer, Environmental Program Manager

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