

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Box Springs Feeder Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2018-0206-R6)

Project Applicant: Jennifer Harriger
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Project Location - Specific: The project is located at Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park, adjacent to Sycamore Canyon Creek, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

Project Location (City): Riverside **Project Location (County):** Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0206-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

The Project is limited to stream impacts associated with the one-time dewatering event and shutdown of the Box Springs Feeder Pipeline to perform inspections of the pipeline under Metropolitan's pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) rehabilitation program. Project activities in the stream areas include the placement of erosion control measures, and dewatering from 4 discharge locations. This will occur within unnamed tributaries to Sycamore Canyon Creek and Sycamore Canyon Creek. Dewatering methods include diverting through a filtration system or dewatering hoses and discharging to the stream areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of the Person/Agency Carrying Out the Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check one):


- 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. State type and section number: Class 1; Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Lead Agency
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Signed by Lead Agency

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