

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Road
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Project Title: Robert A. Skinner Treatment Plant Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2019-0257-R5)

Project Applicant: Jennifer Harriger
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at various locations within Riverside County at the Robert A. Skinner Treatments Plant, along the San Diego Bypass Pipeline, and along the Auld Valley Pipeline. The 10 dewatering sites release into unnamed tributaries of Tocalota Creek and Warm Springs Creek, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

Project Location (City): Murrieta **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 1600-2019-0257-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) as represented by Ms. Jennifer Harriger. The Project is limited to stream impacts and sensitive species impacts associated with the one-time dewatering event and shutdown of the Lake Skinner Treatment Plant. Project activities in the stream areas include the placement of erosion control measures and the release of water into jurisdictional areas from 10 discharge locations. This will occur within unnamed tributaries to Tocalota Creek and Warm Springs Creek.

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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