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California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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Sacramento, California 95814

From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
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Project Name: Palos Verdes Reservoir Dam Monitoring

Project Location - Specific: Palos Verdes Reservoir

Project Location - City: Rolling Hills Estates

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Project: Metropolitan proposes to remove trees and vegetation on the Palos Verdes Reservoir dam embankment slopes that could prevent dam surveillance activities. Approximately 35 trees, most of which are diseased, in poor health, or dead, and minor surface vegetation will be removed from the dam slopes to provide effective dam surveillance and accurate monitoring of the dam surface. The dam surface will be rehabilitated as necessary using Best Management Practices such as straw wattles and jute netting. Tree and vegetation removal will be in accordance with the requirements of the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check as applicable)

- ☐ Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines
- ☐ Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065, State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- ☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- ☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301,
Class 4, State CEQA Guidelines §15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- ☐ Other, State CEQA Guidelines

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed project consists of public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michelle Morrison at (213) 217-7906

Signature: _____

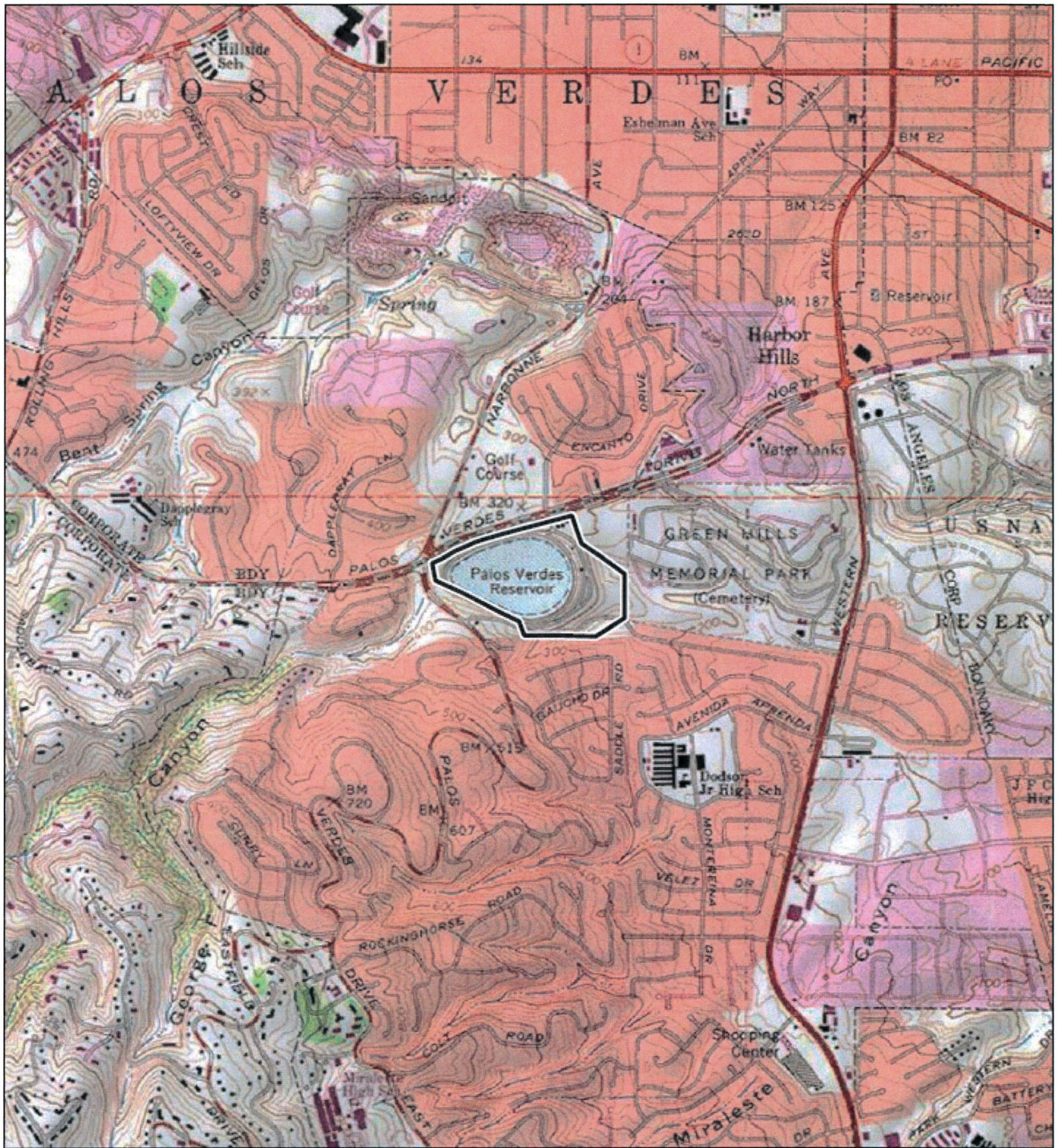
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Location Map Palos Verdes Reservoir



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Notice of Exemption Submittal

January 7, 2020

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Project Name: **Palos Verdes Reservoir Dam Monitoring**

Filing As: ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency

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Enclosures: ☒ Original NOE
☒ Location Map

Comments: In accordance with Section 15062 of the State of California Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this NOE is provided for posting by your office for a period of 30 full calendar days.

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