

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Project Title: San Diego Pipeline Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2020-0006-R6)

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 less than 0.5 miles east of the intersection of Temecula Parkway and Pechanga Parkway within the city of Temecula. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) San Diego Pipeline No. 3. Blow-off structure will release to Temecula Creek, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

Project Location (City): Temecula **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 1600-2020-0006-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to MWD as represented by Ms. Jennifer Harriger. The Project includes dewatering the San Diego Pipeline No.3 by releasing water through a 6-inch hose attached to a diffuser bag, allowing the water to travel over land and drain into Temecula Creek. The empty pipeline will then be inspected and maintained.

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:

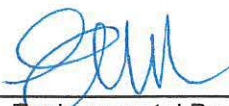
Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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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