

# 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 Outlet Conduit Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2020-0005-R6)

**Project Applicant:** Jennifer Harriger  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
PO Box 54153  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

**Project Location - Specific:** The project is located at three locations within the Robert A. Skinner Treatment Plant and two locations less than 0.5 miles west of the Treatment Plant. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) pipeline dewatering sites will release to Tocalota 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 1600-2020-0005-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to MWD as represented by Ms. Jennifer Harriger. The Project includes dewatering the Lake Skinner Outlet Conduit and San Diego Pipeline No.4 by releasing water from five above ground pump well structures (PW) through 6 inch flexible hose attached to a diffuser socks, allowing the water to travel into Tocalota 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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Date: 1/27/2020

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

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