

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3883 Ruffin Road  
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**Project Title:** San Diego Pipeline No. 4 Shutdown Dewatering (LSA No. 1600-2020-0019-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 along the San Diego Pipeline No. 4 within a 7 mile area. Four dewatering locations are within 2.0 miles of Lake Skinner Treatment Plant, one location is 3.3 miles East of Murrieta Hot Springs, and one location is less than 1.0 mile South of the town of Temecula. The entire project is 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 1600-2020-0019-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to MWD as represented by Ms. Jennifer Harriger. The Project includes the shutdown and dewatering of the San Diego Pipeline No. 4. beginning at station 1195+15 and continuing downstream, along the pipeline, through station 1583+65. Project activities in the stream areas include the placement of erosion control measures and the release of water into jurisdictional areas from six (6) discharge locations to Tualota Creek, Saint Gertrudis Creek, Murrieta Creek, and unnamed tributaries of these creeks. Methods include releasing water via blow-off structures or pumping water from pump well structures; diverting water through dissipation socks or dewatering hoses; and discharging the water to stream areas. The empty pipeline will then be inspected and maintained. The LSA is limited to impacts as a result of dewatering to and within Tualota Creek, Saint Gertrudis Creek, Murrieta 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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