

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: In-Stream Habitat Enhancement Pilot Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0030-R6)

Project Location: The project is within the Santa Ana River near the confluence with Sunnyslope Creek, in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California; APN: 186270004; latitude 33.9755" N, longitude - 117.4183" W; Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 5 West, USGS Riverside West Quadrangle 7.5 minute topographical map.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-00030-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The project will bifurcate existing stream flow within Santa Ana River to allow for the re-wetting of approximately 150 linear feet of a currently inactive stream braid to scour the substrate and enhance habitat for native fish. Project implementation will result in temporary disturbance to 0.01 acre of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status: Class 33, § 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project (1) will assure the restoration of habitat for fish and plants; (2) does not to exceed five acres in size; and (3) will not have (a) significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065, (b) hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and (c) impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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