



California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Project Name: Operation of a portable abrasive blaster at Hinds and Eagle Pump Plants

Project Location - Specific: Hinds Pump Plant: 100 Hayfield Road, Desert Center, CA 92239; Eagle Mountain Pump Plant: 15500 Kaiser Truck Road, Desert Center, CA 92239

Project Location - City: Desert Center

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Project: The Metropolitan Water District intends to operate a portable abrasive blaster at various locations within the desert, specifically for this request, Eagle and Hinds Pumping Plants. The portable abrasive blaster permit is needed to replace a Sanstorm CW 100 lb capacity portable abrasive blaster that was salvaged on 3/10/20. The new abrasive blaster will be used to prepare surfaces/equipment for new coating/recoating, using CARB approved blast media, and permitted negative air machines in enclosed areas. As the unit is a replacement and will be used similarly to the salvaged blaster, there should be no net emissions increase. Operation of the portable abrasive blaster requires a "Various Locations Permit to Operate" from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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
- ☐ 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.

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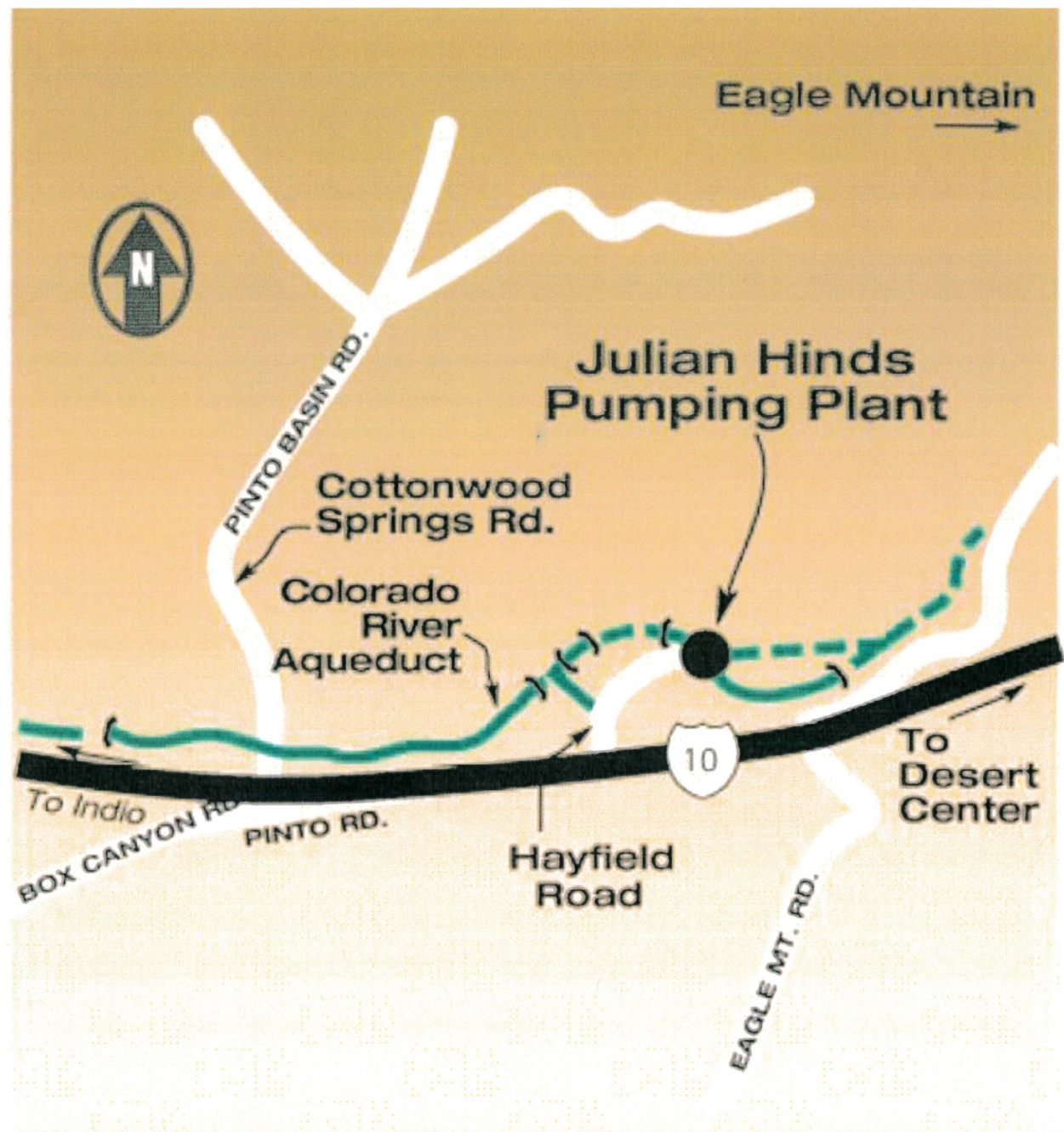
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Date received for filing:



Julian Hinds Pumping Plant
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Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant
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Notice of Exemption Submittal

May 12, 2020

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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.