

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk County of San Diego 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260 MS A-33 San Diego, CA 92101 From: San Diego County Water Authority 4677 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123-1233

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Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation for the Crossover Pipeline I-15 Bypass (R0309)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located near Insterstate-15, south of Deer Springs Road, along Mesa Rock Road and North Center City Parkway in the City of Escondido.

Project Location - City: Escondido

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will perform geotechnical investigation to support preliminary design of the Crossover Pipeline I-15 Bypass. Geotechnical investigation will include performing approximately 25 geotechnical borings along the shoulder of Mesa Rock Road and Center City Parkway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Exempt Status:

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☐ 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: Class 6 Information Collection (Sec. 15306)
- □ Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of performing geotechnical investigation and data collection that does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Resource data collection, including geotechnical investigation, is specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.070(a)6(ii)].

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