## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812 FROM: Division of Operations & Maintenance 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814 Department of Water Resources

**Project Title:** Agreement Between State of California Department of Water Resources and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Operation and Maintenance of the Inland Feeder Turnout (SWPAO #21602)

**Location – Specific:** Approximate Milepost 412.88 in Pool 68 of the California Aqueduct's East Branch.

Location - County: San Bernardino County

**Description of Activity:** The project consists of executing an agreement between the California Department of Water Resources and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to formalize the parties' rights and obligations related to ownership, operation, and maintenance of the existing Inland Feeder Turnout.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: Department of Water Resources (lead agency)

### **Exempt Status:**

- □ Ministerial
- □ Declared Emergency
- □ Emergency Project
- ☑ Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- □ Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

#### Reason why activity is exempt:

The project is execution of an agreement for the operation and maintenance of an existing turnout facility. There will be no changes in the operation, repair, or maintenance activities of the existing turnout. The Project involves the use of existing facilities with no expansion of such facilities or their uses.

### Responsible Agency Contact Person: B.G. Heiland

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