



California Environmental Quality Act NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Project Title: Box Springs Feeder Shutdown

Project Location - Specific: Sycamore Canyon Creek, Sycamore Canyon Park

Project Location - City: Riverside

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Project:

The Box Springs Feeder shutdown project would involve lowering the water level in the Box Springs Feeder to facilitate critical repairs to the connected Santa Ana Valley Pipeline, owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources. Dewatering activities are scheduled for November 2022 and February 2023. Water would be discharged from Station 88+40 into Sycamore Canyon Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Emergency Project--Repairs [Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines
- ☐ Emergency Project--Prevent [Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines
- ☒ Categorical Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1;
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, 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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